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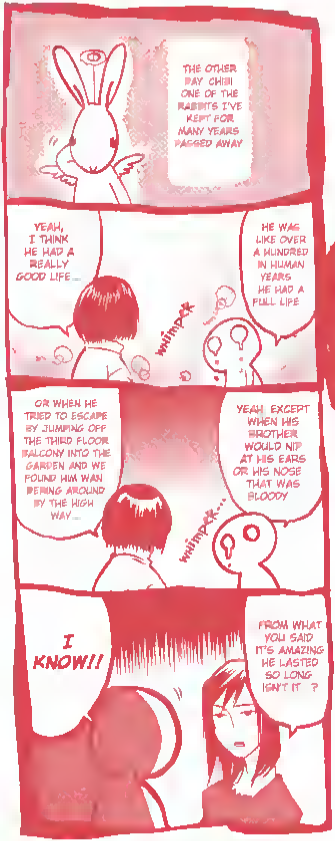
Ways to Prevent Hair Licking

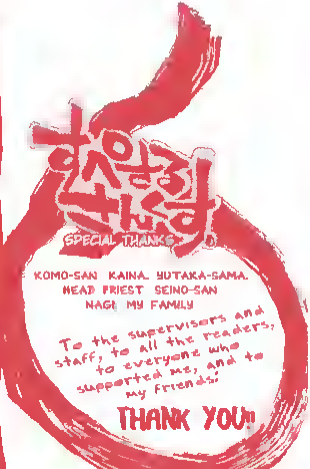
MY VIDEO GAME ISSUES
AND OF COURSE I BOUGHT GAMES FOR IT TOO! I GOT THE LAST FIRE EMBLEM ONLINE
MARVELOUS
THE OTHER DAY I GOT THE NEXT GENE RAYON CONSOLE THAT I'VE BEEN WISHING FOR
The nunchaku are supposed to spin idiot
wave
wave
wave
OOH I PREORDERED GAMES FOR MY PSP!
thump
thump
HAVE YOU PLAYED WII NIGHTS YET?? I KNOW YOU WANTED IT BUT DID YOU BUY IT?
SHINO-SAN, DO YOU WANT A DS LITE? I'LL GIVE YOU ONE?!
Wahaaaah
OOH, HERE'S THE DS GAME YOU BOUGHT THE OTHER DAY! SIGNATURE STAMP PLEASE?
pressure
pressure
pressure
pressure
Zuuu
The final blows
JUST CHILL OUT!!
BY THE WAY, THAT PSP GAME YOU PREORDERED IS IN?!
turn
turn
turn
turn

RIGHT NOW I THINK THE ZELDA SERIES AND DS CADUCEUS (TRAUMA CENTER) ARE MASTERPIECES. (MY HANDS ARE TIRED...)

MY PET ISSUES


THE OTHER DAY CHIBI ONE OF THE RABBITS I'VE KEPT FOR MANY YEARS PASSED AWAY
YEAH, I THINK HE HAD A REALLY GOOD LIFE...
HE WAS LIKE OVER A HUNDRED IN HUMAN YEARS HE HAD A FULL LIFE
wimperk
OR WHEN HE TRIED TO ESCAPE BY JUMPING OFF THE THIRD FLOOR BALCONY INTO THE GARDEN AND WE FOUND HIM WANDERING AROUND BY THE HIGH WAY...
YEAH, EXCEPT WHEN HIS BROTHER WOULD NIP AT HIS EARS OR HIS NOSE THAT WAS BLOODY
wimperk...
I KNOW!!
FROM WHAT YOU SAID IT'S AMAZING HE LASTED SO LONG ISN'T IT ?

THE OTHER RABBIT IS THE SAME WAY RISING AGAIN LIKE THE PHOENIX PLEASE LIVE A LONG TIME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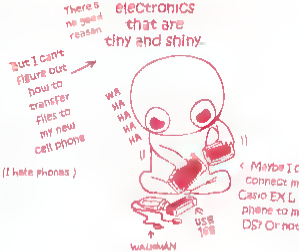
There's no good reason
I love electronics that are tiny and shiny
But I can't figure out how to transfer files to my new cell phone
(I hate phones)
WA HA HA HA HA
USB
WALKMAN
< Maybe I can connect my Casio EX-L-M phone to my DS? Or not.

See you next time!

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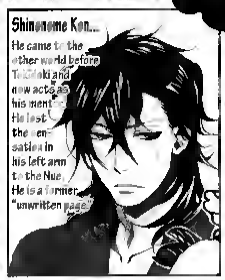
Characters

Shinonome Kon...

He came to the other world before Tokidoki and now acts as his mentor. He lost the encyclopedia in his left arm to the Nue. He is a former "unwritten page."



Kuchiha...

A swords woman who saved Toki from the Nue, she carries the Dog God within herself. On the invitation of the Onmyou Bureau, she has left the group.

Rikugou Tokidoki...

A high school student with an easygoing personality. During his encounter with the Nue, the vision in his left eye was stolen. He is an "unwritten page," one who has the power to rewrite Heaven's Net.

Tsurunume...

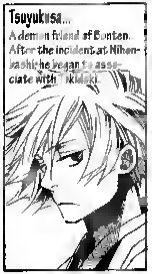
A miko who attends to Ginshu. She went searching for a cure to Ginshu's curse...

Ginshu...

One of the Four Holy Ones and the high priestess of Sakagami Shrine. She suffers from a demon's curse.

Tsuyukusa...

A demon friend of Benten. After the incident at Nihonbashi he began to associate with Tokidoki.



Benten...

A demon with great power and the ability to read fate. He is one of the Four Holy Ones!

RECAP

While visiting a high-tech virtual reality exhibit on the Edo/Bakumatsu period, Tokidoki was attacked by two supernatural creatures called the "the Nue" and "the Yakou", and found himself trapped in virtual Edo. Although the naturally adaptable Tokidoki began to feel at home in his new world, he was told by Benten that he was in fact an unique existence called the "unwritten page," however Tokidoki was also invited to Sakagami Shrine, the headquarters of the anti-ayakashi exorcists, where he was asked by the Holy Princess Ginshu to use his power as the "unwritten page" to support their cause. Tokidoki is faced with a choice between Ginshu, who aims to "destroy Amatsuki," and Benten, who wishes to "protect Amatsuki." However Tokidoki refuses to make either choice, and instead decides to fulfill Ginshu's wish to break Ginshu's curse. Tokidoki and his friends leave the shrine and set out for town, where they follow a clue to a demon-related incident and end up solving a mystery. Meanwhile, Ginshu summons Teiten with the intent to destroy Heaven's Net, however Teiten simply erases her existence. Not knowing this, Tokidoki returns to the shrine to reunite with his friends... but he is met by a Kon who acts as though they've never met at all.....

Chapter 37
A Hidden Tangle of Hanaikada

<T/N: The "Hanaikada" bush ("Helwingia japonica") doesn't have an English common name that I'm aware of, but the Japanese name for the shrub translates to "flower raft." It looks like the flowers and berries grow from the center of the leaf, so the leaves resemble little boats.>

WHO
ARE YOU?

GAH!!
CRUNCH

QUIT FOOLING AROUND!!
Huh?

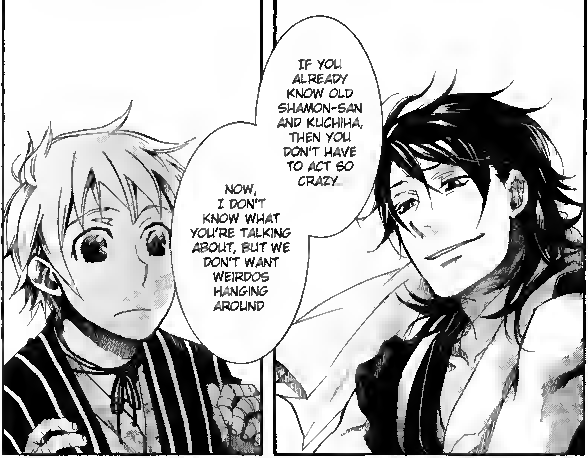
Tch...
Hey! What the...
What are you doing!?
GRAB

IS GINSHU-SAN OKAY?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN AT THE SHRINE?

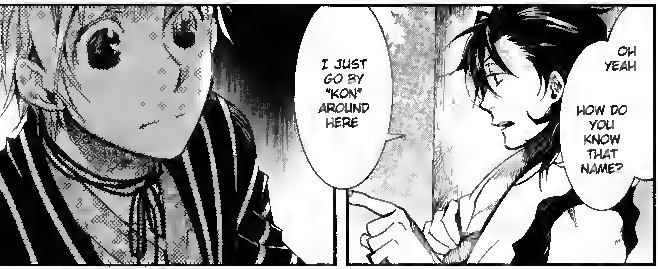
REALLY!? THANK GOODNESS! THE WAY BONTEN WAS TALKING, I WAS WORRIED...!
Ah!
HUH? YOU MEAN THE PRINCESS?
SHE'S OKAY AS FAR AS I KNOW...

WHAT!?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
UH, I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT IF YOU WANT TO REQUEST AN EXORCISM, MAYBE I CAN PASS A MESSAGE ALONG FOR YOU?
!?

IF I WANTED THAT, I'D JUST ASK SHAMON-SAN!
SO ANY-WAY...
OH!
SO YOU KNOW THE OLD MAN!
HUH... I SEE...
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME THEN? DO YOU HAVE A MESSAGE OR SOMETHING?
.....
Hey...
Shinonome, is this some kind of joke?
OKAY, GIVE IT A REST!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME OR PLACE!! IS KUCHIHA IN ON YOUR WEIRD GAME TOO...!?
EEEEEEE
gasp
OH, SO YOU KNOW KUCHIHA TOO?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SO WORKED UP ABOUT.
AND YOU'RE ACTING WAAAY TOO OVER-FAMILIAR. IT'S CREEPY.


IF YOU ALREADY KNOW OLD SHAMON-SAN AND KUCHIHA, THEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO ACT SO CRAZY.
NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT WE DON'T WANT WEIRDOS HANGING AROUND

SHINO-NOME?
SO WATCH YOURSELF KID


I JUST GO BY "KON" AROUND HERE
OH YEAH
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT NAME?

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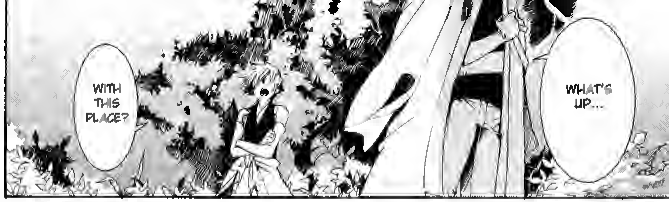
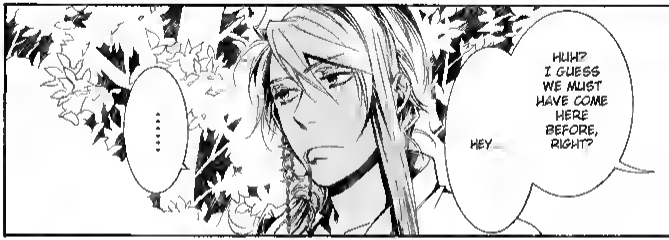
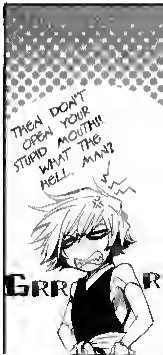
……
turn
turn
stood
stood
!!
……
…
HEY.
SHOCK
YOU RE-MEM-BER, RIGHT?


WITH THIS PLACE?
WHAT'S UP...

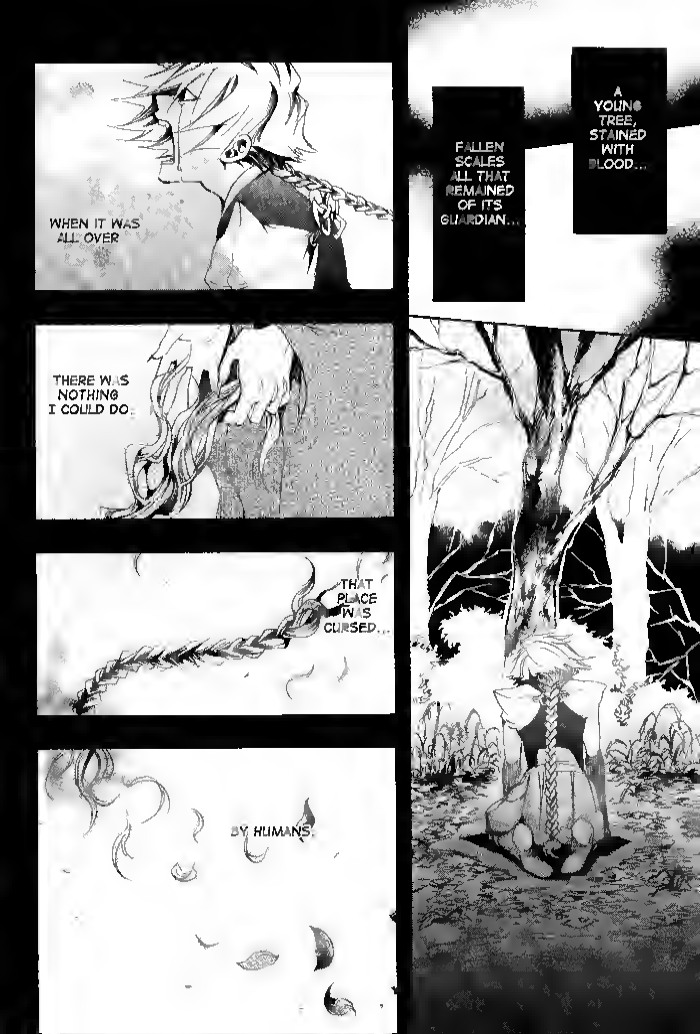

.....
HUH? I GUESS WE MUST HAVE COME HERE BEFORE, RIGHT?
HEY...

NOTHING
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?

.....
IT MUST BE CLOSE...
WHAT'S IT LIKE, RETURNING TO YOUR TRUE BODY AFTER SO LONG?


THEN DON'T OPEN YOUR STUPID MOUTH!! WHAT THE HELL, MAN?
GRR

EVEN IF YOU HAD BEEN IN YOUR CURRENT FORM...
THAT WOULDN'T CHANGE THE WEAKNESS OF YOUR SPIRIT
TREE SPIRITS ARE NATURALLY GIFTED AT SHIFTING FORMS...
THEY'RE ALWAYS DECAYING FROM WITHIN...
STOP IT!
FORBIDDEN MEMORIES...
DEFILED BY HUMAN BLOOD...
WE'RE GETTING NEAR THAT PLACE, AREN'T WE?


A YOUNG TREE, STAINED WITH BLOOD...
FALLEN SCALES ALL THAT REMAINED OF ITS GUARDIAN...
WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER
THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO.
THAT PLACE WAS CURSED...
BY HUMANS.

TCH...
I KNOW THAT!
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN LEAVE THIS PLACE FOR-EVER
AYAKASHI CAN'T LIVE FOR LONG IF THE BODY AND SOUL ARE SEPARATED
I GUESS SO
YOU ACT LIKE YOU KNOW IT ALL...
DON'T EXPECT PRAISE FROM ME
I DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING OF THE SORT
(Thump)
GRR...
THAT JERK...
DON'T SAY ANOTHER WORD!

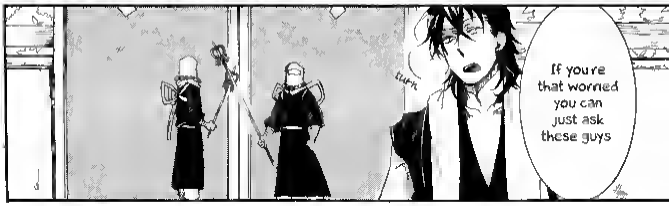
HOW DID IT GO?
BACK SO SOON?

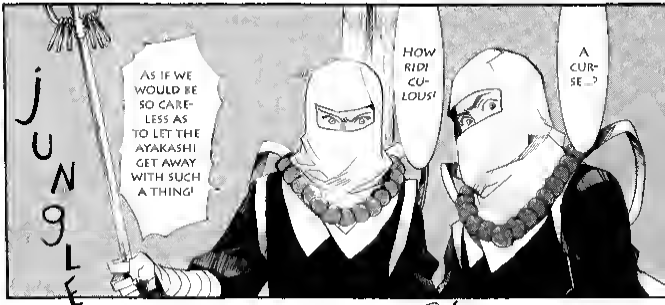
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

Grab

WH
WHAT
?
CALM DOWN
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED!?

SHINONOME... HE'S MY FRIEND...!!
AND HE DOESN'T REMEMBER WHO I AM!
WHAT ABOUT THE PRINCESS?
NOTHING HAPPENED TO HER.
THERE'S NO CURSE!
IT'S LIKE...
THEY'VE FORGOTTEN EVERYTHING!!?





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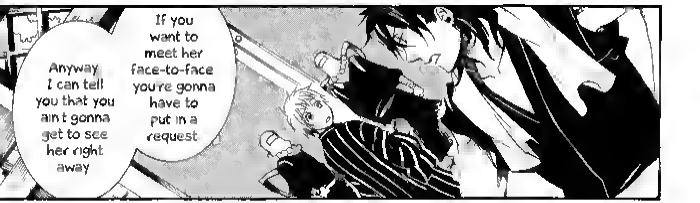
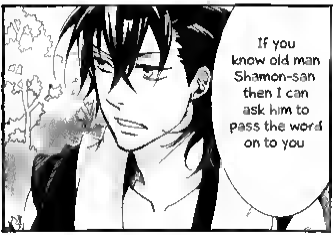
Are you happy now?
!?


If you want to meet her face-to-face you're gonna have to put in a request
Anyway I can tell you that you ain't gonna get to see her right away

But expect for it to take about a month


If you know old man Shamon-san then I can ask him to pass the word on to you

YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED OVER THERE, DO YOU...?

SHINO-NOME
YOU

EMBER
?
Where's that?
H
Hey!
HIS RIGHT ARM...
IT CAN MOVE...
Oi, are you okay?

I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING CRAZY...
YOU WERE LEFT-HANDED.
THUMP
A SHINONOME WHO CAN MOVE HIS RIGHT ARM...
THUMP
...Sorry, but no.
THUMP
twitch
.....
Sorry.
SHINONOME...
WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHERE HE CAME FROM.
I think you've got the wrong guy.
THUMP
WHO DOES NOT KNOW ME.
THUMP
I FEEL LIKE THE GROUND JUST DROPPED OUT FROM UNDER ME
Hey, I think you oughta go home for today.
Alright?

...FEELING ANY BETTER?
!
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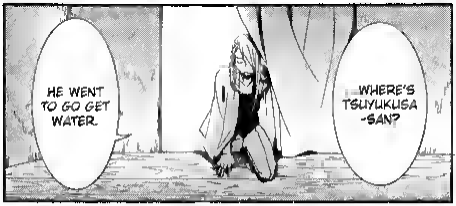
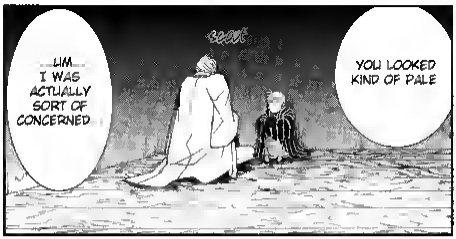
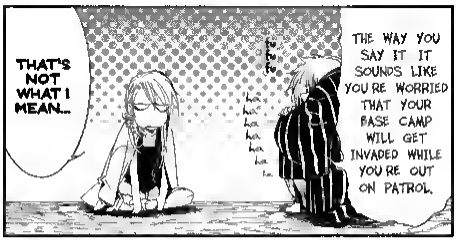

...WHERE'S TSUYUKUSA -SAN?
HE WENT TO GO GET WATER.


...UM... I WAS ACTUALLY SORT OF CONCERNED
scoot
YOU LOOKED KIND OF PALE


THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN...
ha ha ha ha ha ha ha
THE WAY YOU SAY IT IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE WORRIED THAT YOUR BASE CAMP WILL GET INVADED WHILE YOU'RE OUT ON PATROL.

I'M NOT ALLOWED TO WORRY?
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH...
HE SEEMS TO BE RATHER ATTACHED TO YOU...
YEAH. THE THING WITH THE FOX AND A TREE SPIRIT... IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN A CASE LIKE THAT.
LIKE HE OWES YOU A DEBT
HE OWES ME?
I TOLD YOU ABOUT THE FOX
I GUESS I KNEW HOW THEY FELT
OH.
...SO...
TSUYUKUSA-SAN AND BYAKUROKU-S IN WERE LIKE IMAYOU AND...?

ACTUALLY, THEIR SITUATION WAS THE OPPOSITE
TSUYUKUSA WAS A VERY YOUNG TREE, AND BYAKUROKU WAS A VERY OLD DEMON.
BYAKU-ROKU ACTED AS TSUYU-KUSA'S PROTEC-TOR.
HE BROUGHT HIM WATER
HE BROUGHT HIM FOOD
SO HE'D GROW TO BECOME A GREAT TREE...
blink
SILENCE
WAH!

As those leaves decompose, they'll make good bedding for you.
Rustle
HAAAH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, BYAKUROKU?
HUH?
They'll be warm
And nutritious and good to sleep beneath
One day a little bird will sit on your branches
So grow big and strong.

One day, I fear that little one will come to hate me...
...?
So stay by my side.
BYA-KURO-KU?
BYA-KURO-KU...
One day...
I fear that little one will kill me...
WHAT DID YOU MEAN BACK THEN..?

THE SAME THING HAPPENED BEFORE...
WHAT HAPPENED BACK THEN?
YOU SAID "THE SAME THING HAPPENED BEFORE."
WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?
AND
IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT THAT YOU'RE BUILDING SOMETHING...

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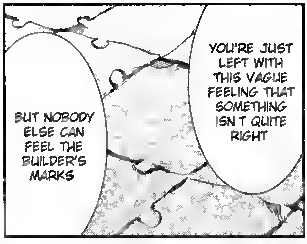
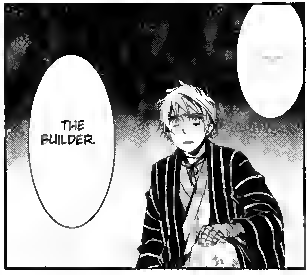
YOU CAN ASK YOURSELF WHERE IT ALL WENT WRONG...
BUT YOU FEEL LIKE SOMETHING'S BROKEN AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO FIX IT.
YOU CAN TRY TO PATCH THINGS. BUT IT WON'T LAST FOREVER
ISN'T THIS WHAT YOU'D THINK IN THAT SITUATION?
YOU REMOVE THE BROKEN PIECES...
AND FIX IT UP ON THE OUTSIDE
AND YOU TAKE WHAT YOU LOST AND TRY AGAIN.

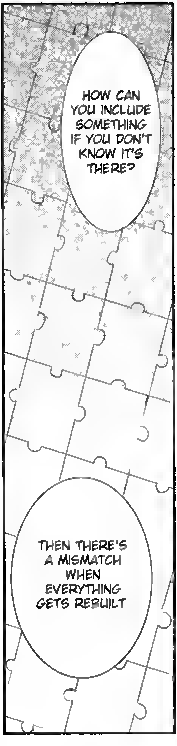
IT MIGHT LOOK A LITTLE OFF,
BUT THAT'S BETTER THAN HAVING THE WHOLE THING FALL APART.
A FEW LEFTOVER TOOL MARKS FROM THE BUILDER WON'T RUIN THE WORK.
BROKEN PIECES ?

YOU'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN REMEMBER.
BUT YOU STILL REMEMBER?


BUT NOBODY ELSE CAN FEEL THE BUILDER'S MARKS
YOU'RE JUST LEFT WITH THIS VAGUE FEELING THAT SOMETHING ISN'T QUITE RIGHT


THE BUILDER.

DON'T YOU GET IT?


HOW CAN YOU INCLUDE SOMETHING IF YOU DON'T KNOW IT'S THERE?
THEN THERE'S A MISMATCH WHEN EVERYTHING GETS REBUILT

YOU'RE THE "UNWRITTEN PAGE."
THE BUILDER DOESN'T KNOW YOU EXIST.

THE PRINCESS YOU KNOW HAS PROBABLY BEEN DESTROYED
YOUR FRIENDS HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY APPROXIMATIONS
Okay.
Takiloki?

YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?
EVERY TIME YOU SAY GOODBYE TO SOMEONE, IT MIGHT BE THE LAST TIME
AND WHATEVER YOU HAVE IN YOUR HEART IS GOING TO STAY THERE
SO
TEITEN HAS "RESET" THE AMATSUKI.
YOU DON'T WANT IT TO BE A REGRET

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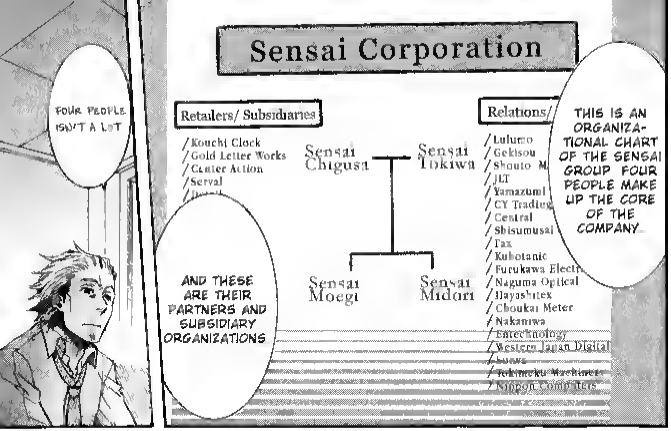
OH SO IT'S LIKE VIRTUAL REALITY DISSOCIATION SYNDROME?
TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING CAN BE DANGEROUS
I KINDA FEEL BAD FOR KIDS THESE DAYS
I SEE..
BUT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE REALLY BRINGING IT UPON THEMSELVES, AREN'T THEY?
STATIC
STATIC
..YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING, DON'T YOU?

YES. YOU COULD SAY WE HAVE AN INSIDE MAN AT SENSAI
WHOOSH
... THAT'S CORRECT.
WELL THEN. LET US BEGIN.
WE'VE RECENTLY OBTAINED NEW INFORMATION ON THE SENSAI GROUP.
flicker
IF YOU'D LIKE A LIGHT SNACK OR CUP OF TEA, YOU'RE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN.
OI, CAN WE GET SOME POPCORN?
GET THIS THING STARTED.
SHIFT
GOOD MORNING, AONIDE.
SORRY...
SHUFFLE
HASHITA?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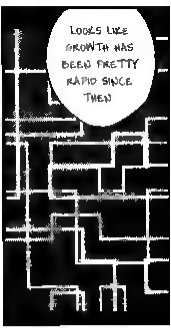
FOUR PEOPLE ISN'T A LOT
AND THESE ARE THEIR PARTNERS AND SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS
THIS IS AN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF THE SENSAI GROUP. FOUR PEOPLE MAKE UP THE CORE OF THE COMPANY...

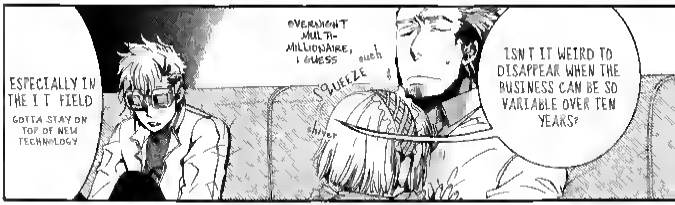
YOU COULD CALL THEM THE "FIRST GENERATION" ACTIVE MEMBERS
YOU'RE RIGHT
BUT THESE ARE ONLY THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN WITH THE GROUP FOR AT LEAST 30 YEARS SINCE ITS FOUNDING.

HMM. HASHITA? OR ARE YOU ALREADY GOING SENILE?
...AH, THAT'S RIGHT. SPEAKING OF SENSAI'S GROWTH...

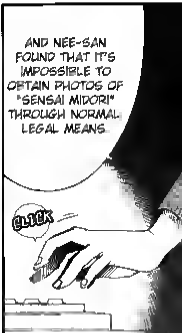
WOULDN'T YOU SAY THAT'S NORMAL?


LOOKS LIKE GROWTH HAS BEEN PRETTY RAPID SINCE THEN

SENSAI MIDORI DISAPPEARED TEN YEARS AGO


ISN'T IT WEIRD TO DISAPPEAR WHEN THE BUSINESS CAN BE SO VARIABLE OVER TEN YEARS?
OVERNIGHT MULTI-MILLIONAIRE, I GUESS
SQUEEZE
ouch
shiver
ESPECIALLY IN THE I T FIELD
GOTTA STAY ON TOP OF NEW TECHNOLOGY

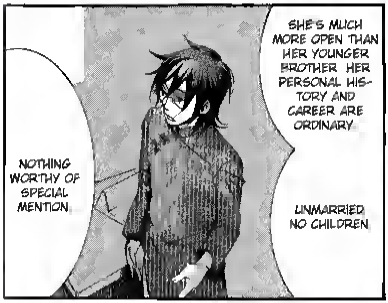
FLASH
SO WE GOT OUR IMAGE THROUGH SLIGHTLY UNDERHANDED MEANS

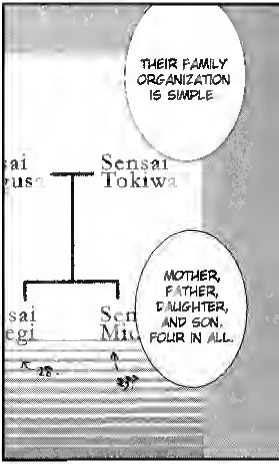

AND NEE-SAN FOUND THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN PHOTOS OF "SENSAI MIDORI" THROUGH NORMAL, LEGAL MEANS.
click
FOR VARIOUS REASONS, WEALTHY YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED.

HUH? HE LOOKS LIKE A KID
YOU CAN BARELY SEE HIM! YOU WENT THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE FOR THIS?
Haha

!?
BUT TO MAKE SURE, HE CHECKED INTO A HOSPITAL IN CHINA
HIS ACTUAL AILMENT IS NOT SERIOUS.
THAT'S WEIRD
SO THIS IS THE ONLY PHOTO, HUH?
WELL HE IS THE PRECIOUS FAMILY HEIR
laugh
YES. THAT IS THE ONLY PHOTOGRAPH KNOWN TO EXIST
HE'S BEEN HOSPITALIZED AND ONLY THOSE TWO RELATIVES HAVE CONTACT WITH HIM

THIS ONE?
Sensai Moegi
OH, A GIRL?


NOTHING WORTHY OF SPECIAL MENTION.
SHE'S MUCH MORE OPEN THAN HER YOUNGER BROTHER. HER PERSONAL HISTORY AND CAREER ARE ORDINARY.
UNMARRIED. NO CHILDREN.


THEIR FAMILY ORGANIZATION IS SIMPLE.
Sensai Tokiwa
MOTHER, FATHER, DAUGHTER, AND SON. FOUR IN ALL.
18.
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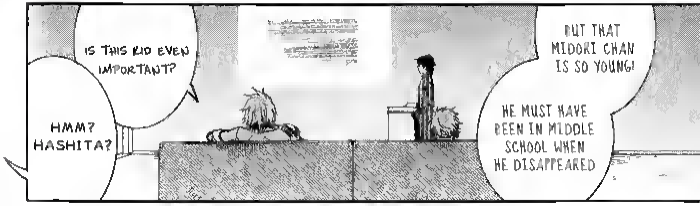
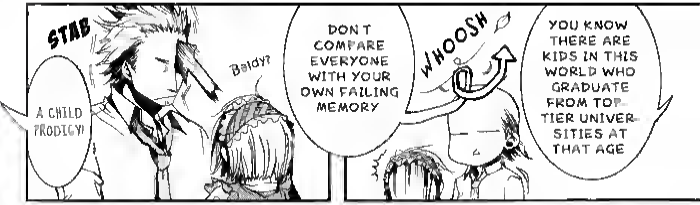
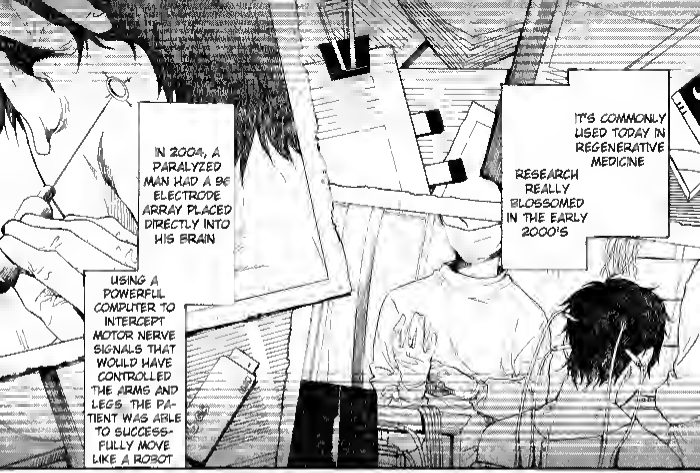

IS THIS KID EVEN IMPORTANT?
HMM? HASHITA?
BUT THAT MIDORI CHAN IS SO YOUNG!
HE MUST HAVE BEEN IN MIDDLE SCHOOL WHEN HE DISAPPEARED


STAB
A CHILD PRODIGY!
Baldy?
DON'T COMPARE EVERYONE WITH YOUR OWN FAILING MEMORY
WHOOSH
YOU KNOW THERE ARE KIDS IN THIS WORLD WHO GRADUATE FROM TOP-TIER UNIVERSITIES AT THAT AGE

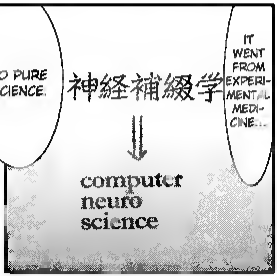
gaah
gaah
gaah
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!!?
PUSH
SHOVE
I WAS THE SAME WAY AT HIS AGE!!
I THINK THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN YOU TWO
and I'm still a gen-ad
heh!
hmph
sparkle
SMACK
OH MY
FIGHT TO THE DEATH.
DO KEEP FIGHTING, PLEASE.
pierce
WELL THEN
COUGH
SHIVER
UH-OH BE CONTENT AND KUU
sparkle

THE CORPORATE LOGO OF SENSAI SUGGESTS THAT THEY SPECIALIZE IN THE VISUAL ENTERTAINMENT FIELD.
THIS MAY BE A LONG STORY, SO PLEASE TRY NOT TO FALL ASLEEP, HASHITA-SAN.
FLICK
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNS THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY AT SENSAI.
SENSAI HAS DONE RESEARCH ON SO-CALLED "NEURAL PROSTHETICS", SO THERE IS A MEDICAL CONNECTION.
WE'VE IDENTIFIED THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE "SHIBASHI CLINIC", BUT THESE TWO AREAS ARE NOT NECESSARILY UNRELATED
THIS TECHNOLOGY CAN FUNCTION AS THE USER'S HANDS, FEET, AND EYES
NEURAL PROSTHETICS RECEIVE ELECTRICAL SIGNALS DIRECTLY FROM THE BRAIN IN ORDER TO COMPENSATE FOR DAMAGED BODY PARTS
I'LL EXPLAIN.
BLINK
?


IN 2004, A PARALYZED MAN HAD A 96 ELECTRODE ARRAY PLACED DIRECTLY INTO HIS BRAIN
USING A POWERFUL COMPUTER TO INTERCEPT MOTOR NERVE SIGNALS THAT WOULD HAVE CONTROLLED THE ARMS AND LEGS, THE PATIENT WAS ARLE TO SUCCESSFULLY MOVE LIKE A ROBOT
IT'S COMMONLY USED TODAY IN REGENERATIVE MEDICINE
RESEARCH REALLY BLOSSOMED IN THE EARLY 2000'S

SAFETY COULDN'T BE GUARANTEED.
OF COURSE, IN THOSE DAYS, THE ELECTRODES DIDN'T LAST VERY LONG AND THERE WAS A DANGER OF BACTERIAL INFECTION THROUGH THE INCISION.

SOUNDS LIKE IT WOULD HURT
IN HIS BRAIN? WAS HE OKAY? DAMN...
Tremble
Tremble


TO PURE SCIENCE.
神経補綴学
IT WENT FROM EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE...
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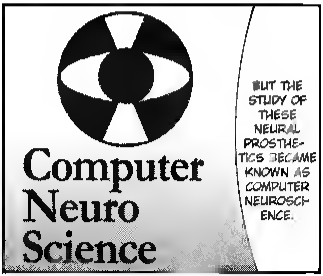
neuro
science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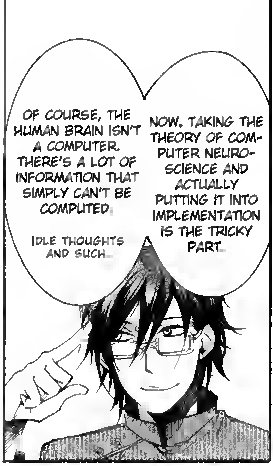
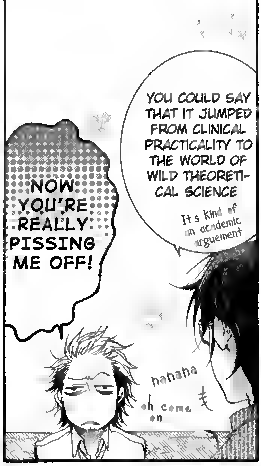
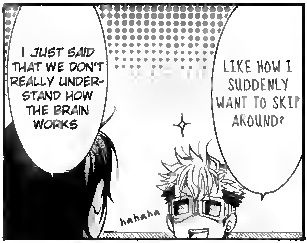
BUT THE STUDY OF THESE NEURAL PROSTHETICS BECAME KNOWN AS COMPUTER NEUROSCIENCE.


OF COURSE, THE HUMAN BRAIN ISN'T A COMPUTER. THERE'S A LOT OF INFORMATION THAT SIMPLY CAN'T BE COMPUTED.
IDLE THOUGHTS AND SUCH...
NOW, TAKING THE THEORY OF COMPUTER NEURO-SCIENCE AND ACTUALLY PUTTING IT INTO IMPLEMENTATION IS THE TRICKY PART.


NOW YOU'RE REALLY PISSING ME OFF!
YOU COULD SAY THAT IT JUMPED FROM CLINICAL PRACTICALITY TO THE WORLD OF WILD THEORETICAL SCIENCE
It's kind of an academic argument
hahaha
oh come on

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

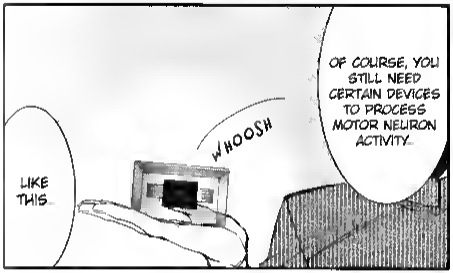

I JUST SAID THAT WE DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND HOW THE BRAIN WORKS
LIKE HOW I SUDDENLY WANT TO SKIP AROUND?
hahaha

I JUST SAID, THERE WAS A LOT OF INFORMATION THAT CAN'T BE COMPUTED
LIKE HOW RIGHT NOW, I'M THINKING ABOUT HOW HUNGRY I AM?
uhhh

YES. I SUPPOSE SO.

THINGS LIKE THAT?
LIKE HOW I WANT TO SEW THEIR MOUTHS SHUT?
smile

WITHIN THE HUMAN BRAIN, THERE ARE A LOT OF COMPLEX AND INEXPLICABLE THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS.
THE QUESTION IS, HOW DO WE SEPARATE OUT THE IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS?
THAT'S WHERE SENSAI'S SUCCESS COMES IN
THERE ARE ROUGHLY 100 BILLION NERVE CELLS IN THE HUMAN BRAIN.
IT'S BEEN SAID THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR A COMPUTER TO MATCH THAT KIND OF MEMORY POWER
BUT SENSAI HAS DONE IT AND ON A MASS PRODUCTION LEVEL.
THEY DID THE IMPOSSIBLE

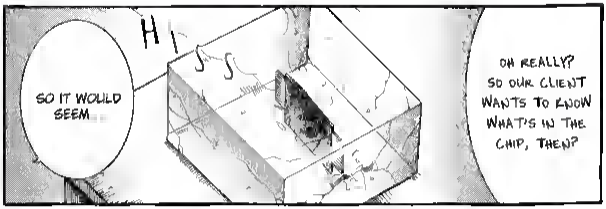

OF COURSE, YOU STILL NEED CERTAIN DEVICES TO PROCESS MOTOR NEURON ACTIVITY.
WHOOSH
LIKE THIS.

BUT WHEN YOU TRY TO INSPECT THE CONTENTS...
SNAP

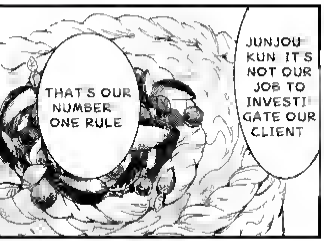
IT'S LIKE A BLACK BOX, YOU SEE?
It shorted out
HISS
THAT'S DANGEROUS...

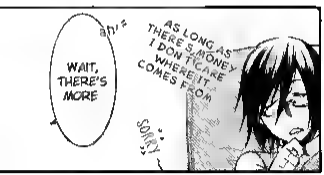
HUH!?
POOF

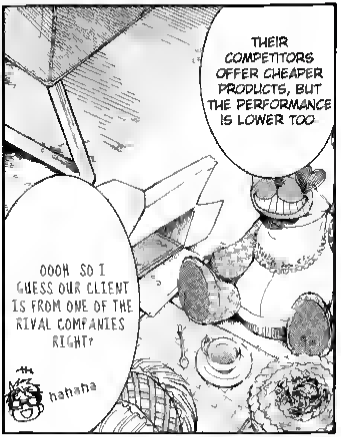
OF COURSE, THERE'S TECHNOLOGY IN ANY FIELD...
BUT IT'S STRIKING THAT SENSAI FOUND SUCH SUCCESS IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY.
YOU COULD SAY THAT THEY'RE ON THE FOREFRONT OF THE "VIRTUAL WORLD."

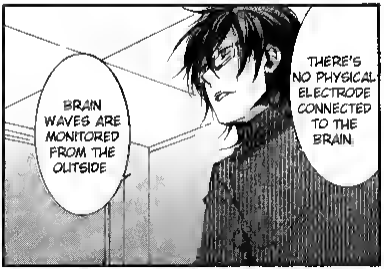

HIJS
SO IT WOULD SEEM...
OH REALLY? SO OUR CLIENT WANTS TO KNOW WHAT'S IN THE CHIP, THEN?

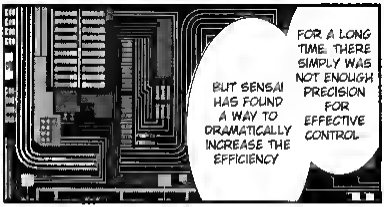
SO THERE'S NO OPPORTUNITY FOR AN OUTSIDER TO SNOOP, HUH?
CORRECT
SENSAI CONTROLS THEIR PRODUCT FROM MANUFACTURING TO SHIPPING...


THAT'S OUR NUMBER ONE RULE
JUNJOU KUN IT'S NOT OUR JOB TO INVESTIGATE OUR CLIENT

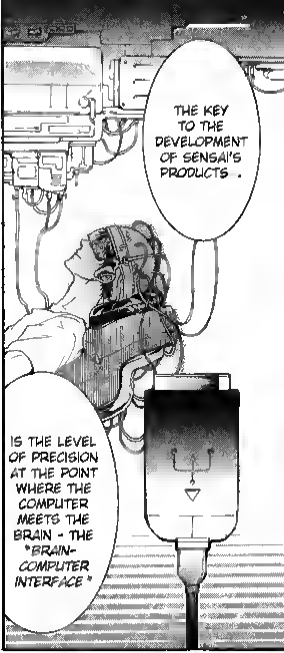

WAIT, THERE'S MORE
AS LONG AS THERE'S MONEY I DON'T CARE WHERE IT COMES FROM
SORRY


THEIR COMPETITORS OFFER CHEAPER PRODUCTS, BUT THE PERFORMANCE IS LOWER TOO
OOOH SO I GUESS OUR CLIENT IS FROM ONE OF THE RIVAL COMPANIES RIGHT?
hahaha


BRAIN WAVES ARE MONITORED FROM THE OUTSIDE
THERE'S NO PHYSICAL ELECTRODE CONNECTED TO THE BRAIN.


BUT SENSAI HAS FOUND A WAY TO DRAMATICALLY INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY
FOR A LONG TIME, THERE SIMPLY WAS NOT ENOUGH PRECISION FOR EFFECTIVE CONTROL

AND THE PERSON WHO DEVELOPED THE METHOD WAS "SENSAI MIDORI."

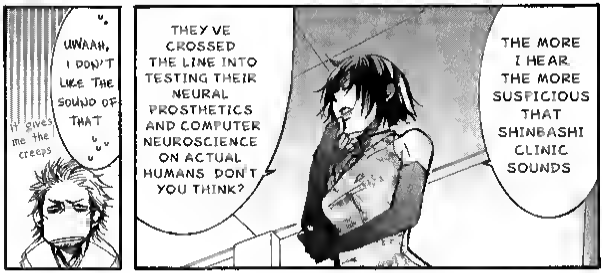

THE KEY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SENSAI'S PRODUCTS .
IS THE LEVEL OF PRECISION AT THE POINT WHERE THE COMPUTER MEETS THE BRAIN - THE "BRAIN-COMPUTER INTERFACE"

HOWEVER, IT'S NOT AS IF THOUGHTS CAN BE READ DIRECTLY FROM THE BRAIN.
THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF INFORMATION THAT CAN BE PICKED UP IS VERY SMALL.

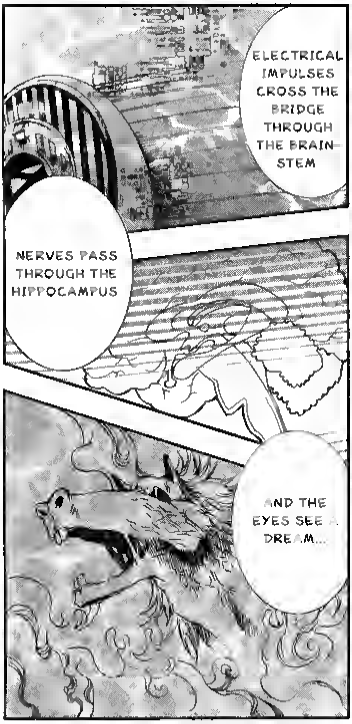
YOU'RE MAKING FUN OF ME AREN'T YOU, HASHITA SAN?
OH REALLY? THEN YOU TWO WOULD PROBABLY GET ALONG GREAT
IS IT OVER YET?
ha ha ha ha

droop...

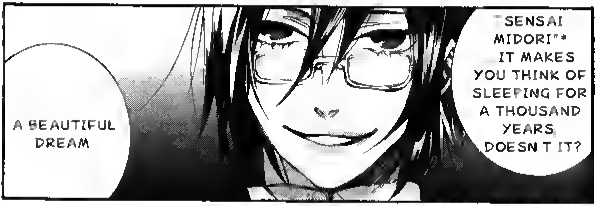
WELL DONE
CRASH
I UNDERSTAND AONIBI
ow ow ow
we'd be best buddies!!


UWAAH, I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT
It gives me the creeps
THEY'VE CROSSED THE LINE INTO TESTING THEIR NEURAL PROSTHETICS AND COMPUTER NEUROSCIENCE ON ACTUAL HUMANS DON'T YOU THINK?
THE MORE I HEAR THE MORE SUSPICIOUS THAT SHINBASHI CLINIC SOUNDS

HEHE WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT THE NAME "SENSAI MIDORI" IS RATHER SYMBOLIC
THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A WALL BETWEEN SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS AND RELIGION AND ETHICS


ELECTRICAL IMPULSES CROSS THE BRIDGE THROUGH THE BRAIN-STEM
NERVES PASS THROUGH THE HIPPOCAMPUS
AND THE EYES SEE... DREAM...

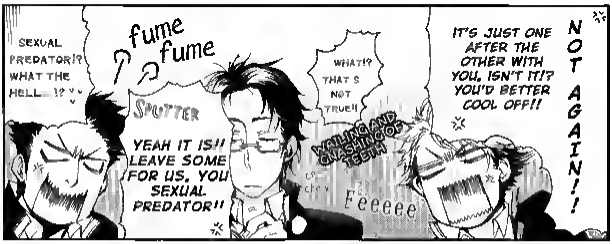
A FANTASY WORLD, LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A DREAM...
VIRTUAL REALITY CAN MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE.
IF THE RIGHT FRONTAL LOBE OF THE CEREBRUM IS STIMULATED, PEOPLE WILL EXPERIENCE HALLUCINATIONS.

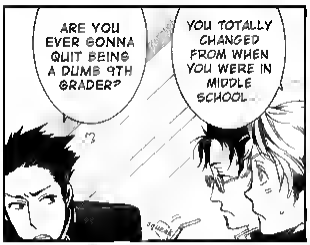


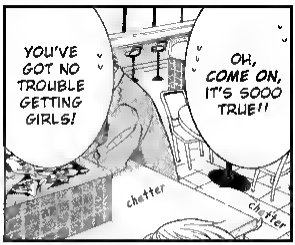
* MEANS "THOUSAND YEAR GREEN"

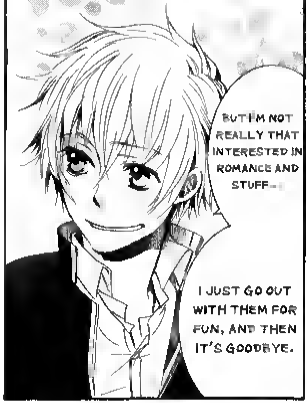
RIGHT
OUR TARGET IS THE SHINBASHI CLINIC, AFTER ALL
< NAME ON PAPER: KUWATA SUOU >
THAT GUY'S BEEN ON MY MIND ANYWAY...
chatter
Noise
SUOU
Noise
SUOU
Noise
chatter
Noise
chatter
Noise
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
OI, RIKUGOU, WHAT'S UP?
he's weird...
Noise
Noise
chatter
chatter
Noise
HMM...
SUOU
SUOU...?
chatter
Noise
chatter

AH!
UM...
SORRY IT'S NOTHING!
WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT? SHOU? WHO'S THAT?
UM... JUST SOMEBODY I KNEW A LONG TIME AGO.
Noise
Noise
drop
OH!!
IS IT A GIRL!!? IT'S A GIRL, ISN'T IT!!?


NOT AGAIN!!
IT'S JUST ONE AFTER THE OTHER WITH YOU, ISN'T IT!? YOU'D BETTER COOL OFF!!
WHAT!? THAT'S NOT TRUE!!
WAILING AND GNASHING OF TEETH
Feeeee
fume fume
SEXUAL PREDATOR!? WHAT THE HELL...!?
SPUTTER
YEAH IT IS!! LEAVE SOME FOR US, YOU SEXUAL PREDATOR!!


ARE YOU EVER GONNA QUIT BEING A DUMB 9TH GRADER?
YOU TOTALLY CHANGED FROM WHEN YOU WERE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

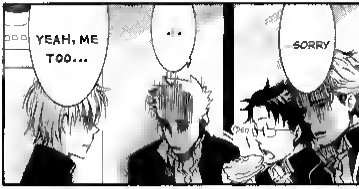

YOU'VE GOT NO TROUBLE GETTING GIRLS!
OH, COME ON, IT'S SOOO TRUE!!
chatter
chatter


BUT I'M NOT REALLY THAT INTERESTED IN ROMANCE AND STUFF...
I JUST GO OUT WITH THEM FOR FUN, AND THEN IT'S GOODBYE.

IT'S BECAUSE YOU SUDDENLY DEVELOPED AN INTEREST IN GIRLS, RIGHT?
YUP. THAT'S IT! AND THEN HE BROKE ALL OF OUR HEARTS!
HUH?
hehe

chew chew

NOTHING! IT'S JUST FOR FUN. I DO IT ALL THE TIME.
AND THEN WHAT?
THUMP
THUMP


YEAH, ME TOO...
SORRY

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK...
ALL THE TIME...?
YOU'RE SHAMELESS
SIGH

I'M SO SORRY THAT I WON'T MAKE YOU PAY BACK THE 87,500 YEN THAT YOU OWE MEEEEE!!
IS THAT LIKE A BRIBE? IT'S A BRIBE, ISN'T IT?
AND HE STILL REMEMBERS THE EXACT AMOUNT OF MONEY
Bawww
okay...
whimper

[NOTE THEY RE DOING THE ANTI COOTIES POSE]

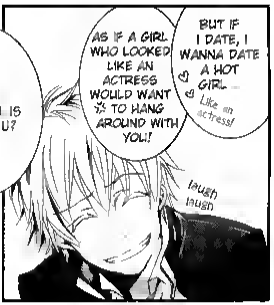
Do you really think about stuff like that?
Unrequited love and marrying your first sweetheart?
Oh, come on, like you guys are any different.

I'M JUST OUT TO HAVE A GOOD TIME!
Whatever works!
Me too!
YEAH, WORRYING ABOUT WHETHER TO BREAK UP OR NOT IS SUCH A PAIN

UM, I GUESS NOT
YEAH

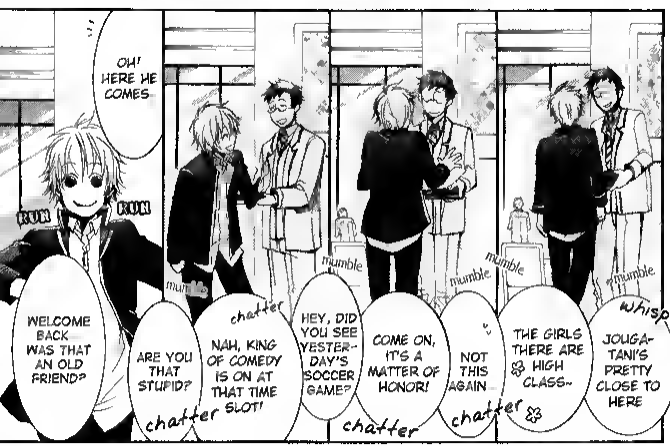
i want that!
HUH? THAT'S ROMANTIC?
That's romance!
nod
BUT SOMETHING LIKE A LOVE STORY IN A MOVIE OR A TV SHOW...

HUH? R'KUGOU IS THAT YOU?
HEY!


AS IF A GIRL WHO LOOKED LIKE AN ACTRESS WOULD WANT TO HANG AROUND WITH YOU!
BUT IF I DATE, I WANNA DATE A HOT GIRL... like an actress!
laugh
laugh

HAHAHA YEAH, I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE WE SPLIT TO GO TO DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOLS, RIGHT?
MAN, IT FEELS LIKE YESTERDAY!
ahahaha
HMM?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
...AH!!
YO!! WHAT A COINCIDENCE! IT'S BEEN AGES! HOW ARE YOU DOING?

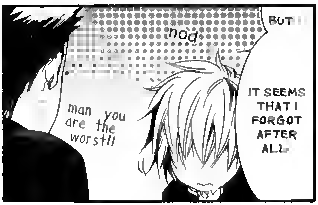
HEY!
THAT'S THE JOUGATANI UNIFORM, ISN'T IT?
wow elite!
HE SURE DOES KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE, HUH?
OH, HIS FRIEND FROM JUNIOR HIGH?

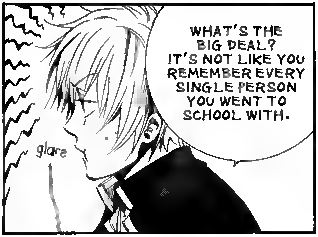

OH! HERE HE COMES...
RUN
RUN
WELCOME BACK... WAS THAT AN OLD FRIEND?
ARE YOU THAT STUPID?
chatter
NAH, KING OF COMEDY IS ON AT THAT TIME SLOT!
chatter
HEY, DID YOU SEE YESTERDAY'S SOCCER GAME?
mumble
mumble
COME ON, IT'S A MATTER OF HONOR!
chatter
NOT THIS AGAIN...
chatter
mumble
mumble
THE GIRLS THERE ARE ✿ HIGH CLASS..
✿
whisper
JOUGATANI'S PRETTY CLOSE TO HERE

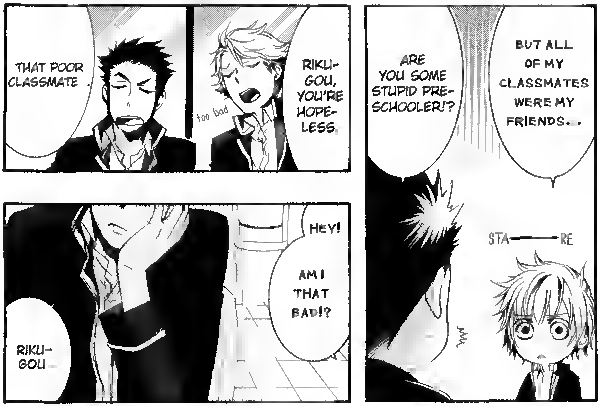
THUD..
hmm?
grade?
WELL...
UH, MAYBE...
huh!

I THOUGHT MAYBE I'D REMEMBER IF WE TALKED!
ahaha
AND YOU JUST KEPT TALKING TO HIM!?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT! I MEAN, I KNEW HIS FACE, BUT HIS NAME JUST WOULD NOT COME TO ME!
ahaha
"MAYBE!?" WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "MAYBE!?"

hmm..
WELL, MAYBE NOT EVERY-BODY...
BUT YOUR FRIEND REMEMBERED YOU!!
WELL.... YEAH...


BUT
nod..
IT SEEMS THAT I FORGOT AFTER ALL..
man you are the worst!!


WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? IT'S NOT LIKE YOU REMEMBER EVERY SINGLE PERSON YOU WENT TO SCHOOL WITH.
glare


THAT POOR CLASSMATE...
too bad
RIKU-GOU, YOU'RE HOPE-LESS.
ARE YOU SOME STUPID PRE-SCHOOLER!?
BUT ALL OF MY CLASSMATES WERE MY FRIENDS...
STA——RE
HEY!
AM I THAT BAD!?
RIKU-GOU...

ha ha ha
WHEN DID YOU BECOME A COMEDIAN?
HEY, NOW YOU'RE TAKING THE JOKE TOO FAR!
I ENJOY YOUR COMPANY, RIKUGOU.

ARE YOU EVEN GOING TO REMEMBER US TOMORROW?
HUH?

YOU DON'T FORGET RIGHT AWAY...
BUT I GUESS YOU GRADUALL, DRIFT APART
BUT YOU THINK YOU'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER...

YOU FORGET A LITTLE HERE
YOU FORGET A LITTLE THERE

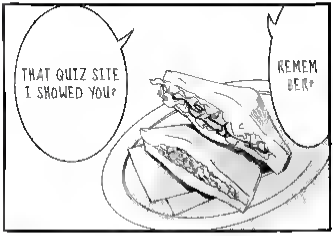
PLACES FROM LAST YEAR BECOME LESS RELEVANT,
AND THE MEMORIES GET OVERWRITTEN BY THOUGHTS OF NEW FRIENDS

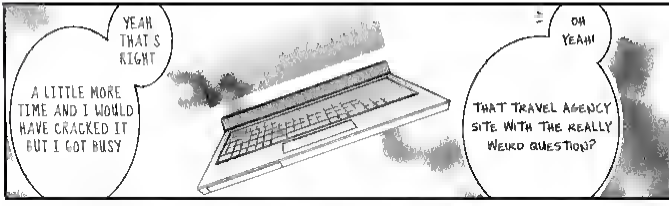
THAT'S NORMAL, ISN'T IT?

OKAY YOU REMEMBER WHEN SHIRAAI SAN GAVE ME HER ORDERS?
HUH?
* HUH? WHY DO THEY GET TO DO IT?
AS FOR YOU WAKASA KUN
HUH? WHAT'S THAT?
HEY HASHITA SAN AREN'T WE FORGETTING SOMETHING?
OH YEAH...

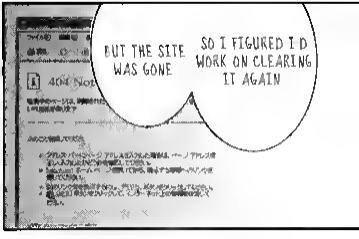
ANOTHER CASE?
BUT I'VE BEEN HEARING SOME WEIRD STUFF ABOUT ANOTHER CASE

IT'S NOT RELATED TO SENSAI SO I DIDN'T BRING IT UP EARLIER

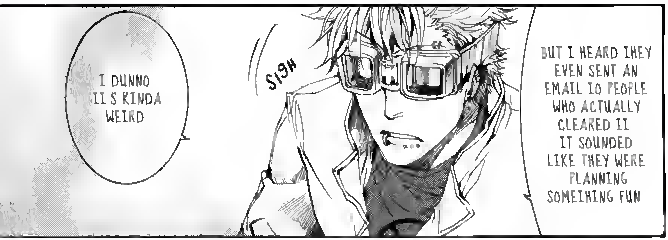

THAT QUIZ SITE I SHOWED YOU?
REMEMBER?

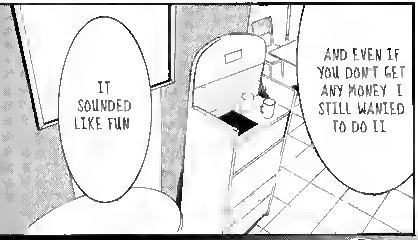

YEAH THAT'S RIGHT
A LITTLE MORE TIME AND I WOULD HAVE CRACKED IT BUT I GOT BUSY
OH YEAH!
THAT TRAVEL AGENCY SITE WITH THE REALLY WEIRD QUESTION?

I TALKED TO SOME OF MY ONLINE BUDDIES AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE SITE CLOSED JUST RECENTLY


BUT THE SITE WAS GONE
SO I FIGURED I'D WORK ON CLEARING IT AGAIN

WHO KNOWS IF THERE WAS EVER ACTUALLY A PRIZE YOU COULD WIN?
SITES GO DOWN ALL THE TIME THOUGH


I DUNNO IT'S KINDA WEIRD
HEH'S
BUT I HEARD THEY EVEN SENT AN EMAIL TO PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY CLEARED IT IT SOUNDED LIKE THEY WERE PLANNING SOMETHING FUN

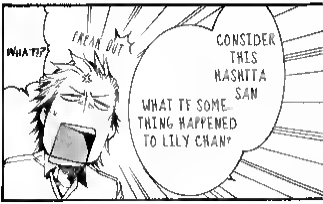

IT SOUNDED LIKE FUN
AND EVEN IF YOU DON'T GET ANY MONEY I STILL WANTED TO DO IT

BUT THEY WON'T BE BACK

SOUNDS LIKE A SICK OBSESSION TO ME!
hahaha
NO WAY THERE COULD BE MONEY IN IT!

YOU SEE NOW.

SO, IF IT'S THAT MUCH FUN, THEN IT SHOULDN'T BE SO HARD TO GET IT UP AND RUNNING AGAIN, RIGHT?
sigh
YEAH
BUT


WHAT?!
FREAK OUT
CONSIDER THIS HASHITA SAN
WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO LILY CHAN

THEY MUST FEEL THE SAME WAY HASHITA SAN

IF MY LILY IS IN PAIN, I'LL PAY ANY MEDICAL BILL!! IF SHE CRIES, I'LL DO ANYTHING IN MY POWER TO FIND OUT WHY!!
I'D GO THROW MYSELF ON THE GROUND A HUNDRED TIMES TO GET HER BACK!!
SHOUT
OKAY OKAY
I GET THE PIC TURE
that guy is so noisy

IF THEY REALLY FORGOT ABOUT THE PLAYERS
THEN WHY BOTHER SENDING AN EMAIL?
IT SOUNDED LIKE THINGS WERE GOING REALLY WELL
BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO WRITE IN THAT MAIL.
I GUESS THAT IS KIND OF WEIRD
YEAH!
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?
WELL, IT'S KIND OF AN UNDER-GROUND THING
SHOULD I PASS THE INFO ON TO SHIRAAI SAN ?
HMM...
YES SIR!
JUST KEEP AN EYE ON IT FOR NOW, OKAY?

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It feels like this sometimes, but it's fun :D

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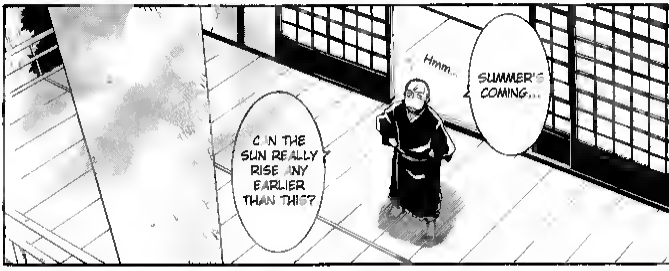
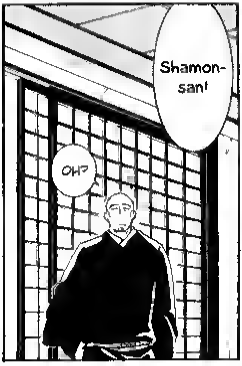
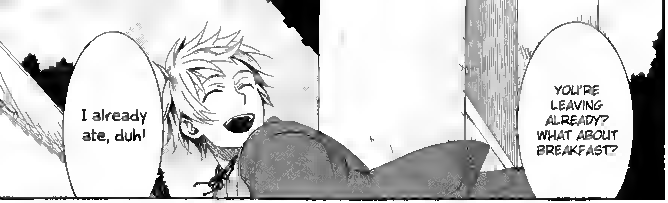
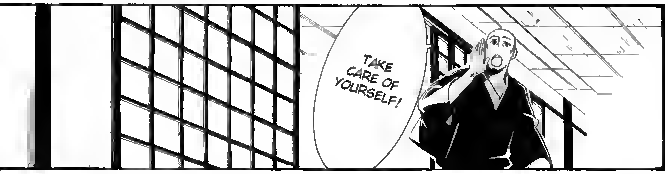

Hmm...
SUMMER'S COMING...
C IN THE SUN REALLY RISE ANY EARLIER THAN THIS?

See you later!


Shamon-san!
OH?

NNNN...
THE WEATHER'S GONNA BE NICE TODAY...
blink
blink





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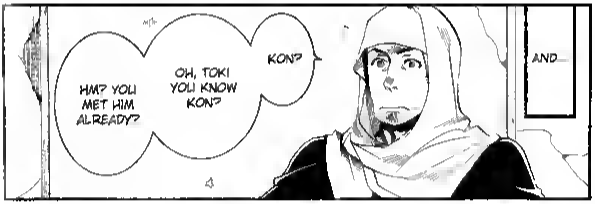
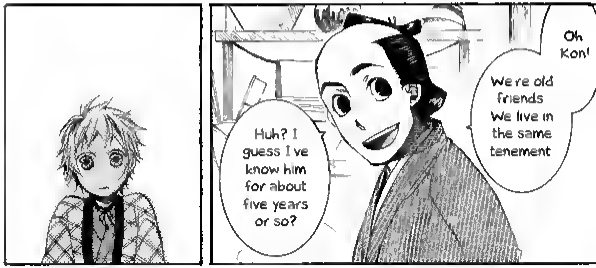
Drop
Yo
Slide
Hey
OKAY!
LET'S GO!

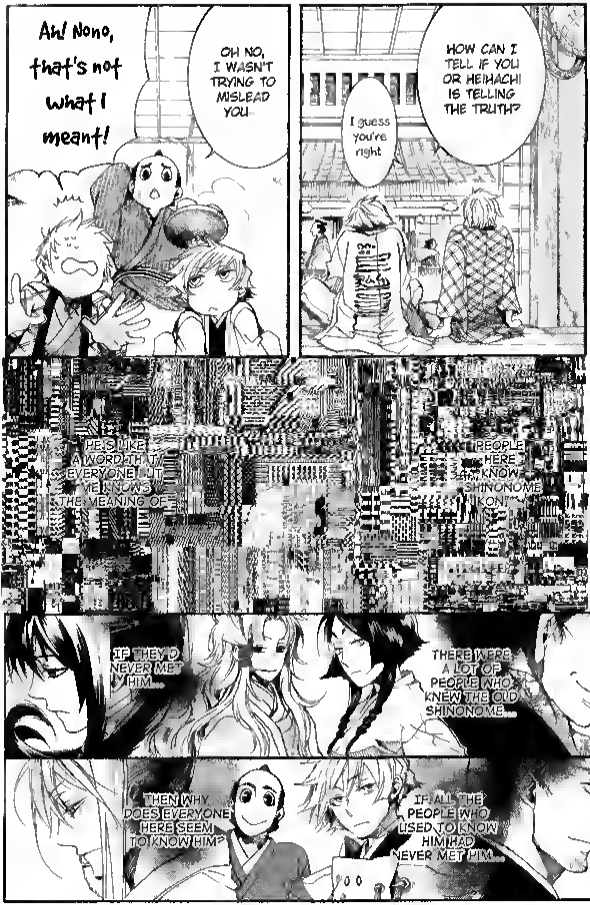
...I'M NOT LIKE YOU...!
WHO ARE YOU?
...So you're going back?
IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS...
AND NOTHING'S CHANGED...
THREE DAYS HAVE PASSED ALREADY
WHOOSH
WHAT'S GOING ON...!?
THE SKY!
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
IT'S CRACKING!?

THERE'S NOT MUCH THAT CAN BE DONE FROM HERE...
I HAVEN'T SEEN OR HEARD FROM TADAJIROU
KUCHIHA REALLY HASN'T RETURNED TO THE TEMPLE SINCE THEN
THAT ODD-JOBS GUY COULDN'T GO AFTER HER EITHER

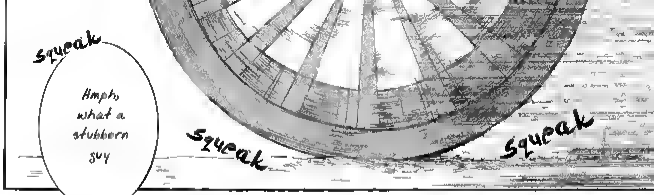

HM? YOU MET HIM ALREADY?
OH, TOK! YOU KNOW KON?
KON?
AND...


Huh? I guess I've know him for about five years or so?
We're old friends We live in the same tenement
Oh Kon!

HM?
SO IN YOUR MEMORY, YOU AND THAT GUY CAME FROM THE SAME "NIRVANA" PLACE, HUH?
So how do you know him Toki?
IT'S LIKE SHINONOME'S MEMORIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY REWRITTEN—
But he started working and living at the shrine half a year ago—
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
I'VE NEVER EVEN MET THE GUY
YEAH
DO YOU BELIEVE ME?


Ah! Nono, that's not what I meant!
OH NO, I WASN'T TRYING TO MISLEAD YOU...
I guess you're right
HOW CAN I TELL IF YOU OR HEIHACHI IS TELLING THE TRUTH?
HE'S LIKE A WORD THAT EVERYONE USES, YET NO ONE KNOWS THE MEANING OF...
PEOPLE HERE KNOW SHINONOME ICHI...
IF THEY'D NEVER MET HIM...
THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO KNEW THE OLD SHINONOME...
THEN WHY DOES EVERYONE HERE SEEM TO KNOW HIM?
IF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO USED TO KNOW HIM HAD NEVER MET HIM...

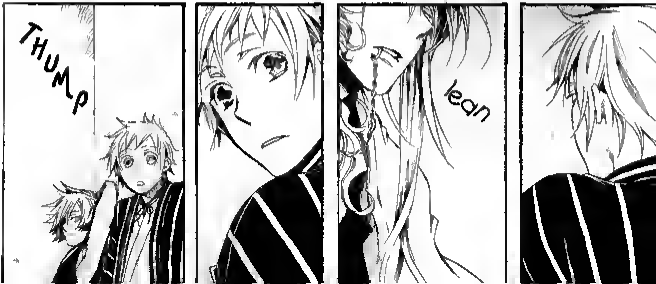
WELL, THERE'S NOT MUCH YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW
NOTHING'S CHANGING AT THE SHRINE
YOU'VE GOT NOTHING, AND YOU'RE WEARING YOURSELF OUT.
THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR FRIEND LIKE THIS
WE'LL WORK THINGS OUT SOMEHOW
tch
THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD POSSIBLY EXPLAIN THIS... IS BONTEN!


Squeak
Hmph, what a stubborn guy
Squeak
Squeak

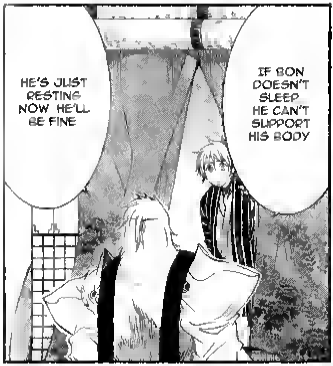
I wouldn't miss him if he dropped dead

Well, I guess it's hopeless for now

But sooner or later we'll—

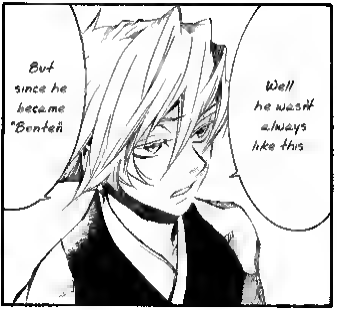

THUMP
lean

BONTEN!?
TSUYU-KUSA?
Ah!?
Utsu-bushi-san...!
HMM.
JUST AS I THOUGHT HE ALWAYS DOES THIS
Um...
"Always"...?


HE'S JUST RESTING NOW HE'LL BE FINE
IF BON DOESN'T SLEEP HE CAN'T SUPPORT HIS BODY

THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY, HUMAN
HE'S SIMPLY EXHAUSTED FROM LACK OF SLEEP

Whoosh
BEFORE HE'LL BE ABLE TO WAKE UP
IT WILL BE A FEW DAYS
IT'S BEST IF HE JUST RESTS QUIETLY FOR NOW



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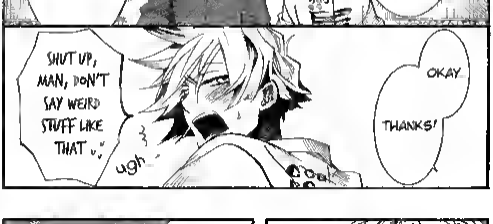
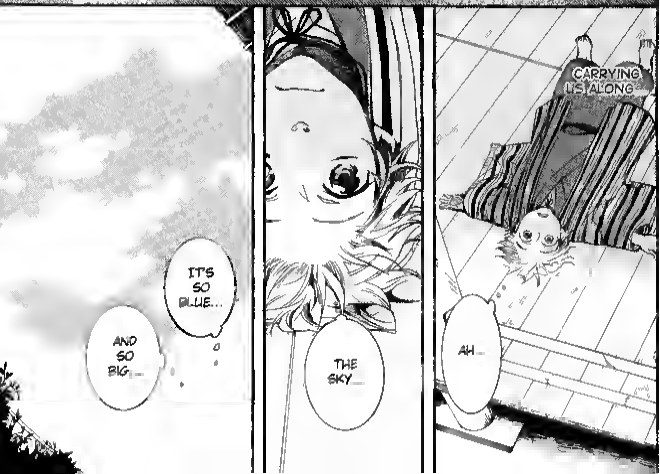
EVERYTHING HAS SUDDENLY GROUND TO A HALT...

I guess?
I've got nothing better to do
And since Benten's useless, I feel kinda cooped up
OKAY
THANKS!
SHUT UP, MAN, DON'T SAY WEIRD STUFF LIKE THAT
ugh



AND IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE...
THE DAY WAS OVER
YET TIME...
SEEMS TO MOVE WITH AGONIZING SLOWNESS...


CARRYING US ALONG...
AH...
THE SKY...
IT'S SO BLUE...
AND SO BIG...

Hey Give Taki me a hand!
YOU'RE GONNA GET STEPPED ON.

I'M GETTING USED TO IT
SHA-MON-SAAAN!
KUCHIHA'S NOT HERE, SO I'LL DO WHAT I CAN!
UM...
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN HELP YOU WITH?
TOKI...
ARE YOU OKAY?
I'm great! I'm a man! I'll work with all my strength!
O-KAY...
THEN HOW ABOUT CHOPPING SOME WOOD FOR ME?
Wah.

But...
I chopped wood yesterday...
It's hard...
PLEASE FORGET THAT...
YOU COULDN'T EVEN MANAGE TO CLIMB A TREE LIKE ME
CRE AK
My muscles are killing me...
WELL YEAH
YOU'RE A WEAKLING
Shut up
BUT EVEN LIKE THIS, I'M THREE TIMES STRONGER THAN YOU.
YOU'RE JUST LUCKY I'M NOT IN MY TRUE FORM
IF YOU GOT YOUR POWER BACK...
HEY, TSUYU-KUSA?

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SO YOU'RE BACK AGAIN TODAY, HUH?
Oh, so you were waiting for me?
Yay!
Why the hell would I do that!?
They kicked me out!
Those gate-keeper guys keep giving me shit because you show up every day!

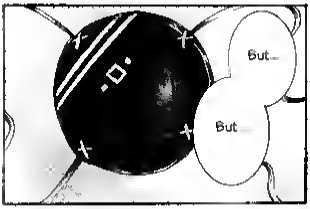
AH...
I'M REALLY SORRY
Scratch
scratch
WHATEVER, I FORGIVE YOU.
BUT WHAT DO YOU WANT?
CAN'T WE JUST WORK OUT THIS MISUNDER-STANDING?

SHINONOME KON MOVED TO EDO FIVE YEARS AGO.
AND SIX MONTHS AGO, HE CAME HERE TO WORK.
AND WE NEVER MET.
WELL, DUH. WHY ARE YOU HERE?

YOU ARE A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THE GUY I KNOW
HIS TEMPER IS WORSE AND HE'S A LOT RUDER
You asshole...
I've got nothing better to do!
grin
WELL...
WHEN I PUT IT THAT WAY, I DUNNO WHY I'D WANNA SEE THAT GUY ALL THE TIME!
...WELL, MAYBE I WAS LIKE THAT A LONG TIME AGO
BUT I GUESS I'VE MELLOWED OUT IN THE PAST HALF A YEAR.

CONSIDER YOURSELF LUCKY
or I'd beat the shit out of you
I wouldn't blame you
AHAHA! IS THAT SO...?
SHUT THE HELL UP!
IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY BUSINESS HERE, THEN LEAVE ME ALONE!
I really will hit you
Ha ha ha
BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU STILL NEED TO MEDITATE SOME MORE
gasp
!
Ah...

YOU'RE DISTRAUGHT OVER SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
Um
No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But
But

The eye-patch!!!
Didn't you give me that eyepatch!?

N...
Wait!!!
Don't you
Shino-nome!!!
Don't you usually wear your hair tied up!?

HUH? NO, NOT REALLY
I USUALLY COVER MY HEAD WITH A TOWEL

HERE
HOLD ONTO THIS
IT WAS MADE OF RED CLOTH
WITH A SQUARE PATTERN ON IT...!
YOU CAN RETURN IT TO ME WHEN YOU GET BACK
PROMISE ME
AN EYE-PATCH...?
HUH?

I DON'T KNOW ANY-ONE WHO USES ONE I DON'T HAVE ONE
Oh...
Okay...

SEE YA.
I guess

Hey!
BACK SO SOON?
YEAH!
THANKS FOR WAITING!

Hey, when we get back I wanna go to the dango shop, but you don't eat, do you?
Damn, you're
Yelling like that
What the hell
Fwoomph

Shout
COME ON, LET'S GO BACK!
TSUYUKUSA!

Don't say that while dragging me by the hand!
Let me go!!!
Yeah yeah-
Tch
Too bad!
I guess it can't be helped!
I don't eat!

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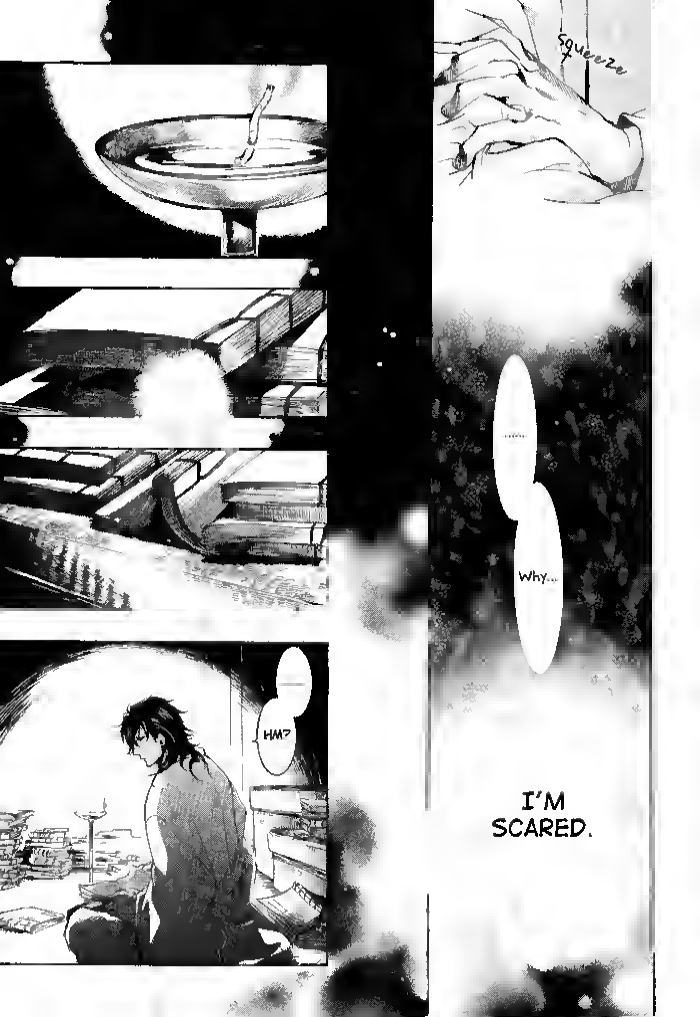
Damn it...
.....
Damn it!
Why did this happen?
Why!?
Shit!
.....
Damn it
Damn it!
THAT NO ONE WOULD MAKE
WAS MADE...
THE CHOICE
LIKE THIS?
HAVE TURNED OUT
IT'S ALL LED THEM INTO THIS
WOULD MY CHOICE


Squeeze
.....
Why...
I'M SCARED.
HM?

THAT'S...
WHAT WAS THAT?
THAT BRIGHT THING
Look, Shuishu...
It's a beautiful moonlit night

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01. Hana-Mi's Amatsuki scanlation team currently consists of seven active members who regularly interact at HANA-MI.LIVEJOURNAL.COM to puzzle over how to best produce HQ releases for Amatsuki readers.

02. Some of us clean, some of us edit, some of us do both at different times, some of us QC, and Sanada translates. We do not have separate proofreaders.

03. Because there are so few of us, it can be hard to balance our online and RL committments and although we try our best to maintain a regular release schedule for you, it can be difficult especially since we're all often busy at the same times!

04. Even if you notice gaps in your regular Amatsuki fix, be assured that we are ALWAYS working on the next chapter(s) of Amatsuki, even if we are only managing a snail's pace. We LOVE Amatsuki just as much as you do and want to know what happens next too!

05. We would love to have new members to help us out, however scanlation isn't for everyone -- it takes time, skill and committment.

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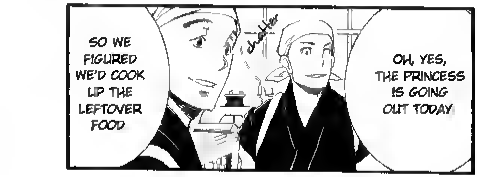
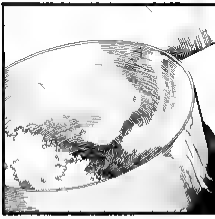
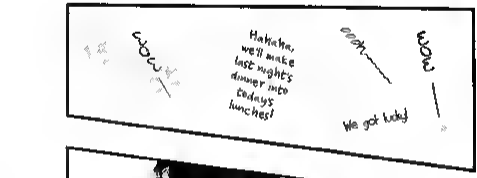
06. Please do not take it upon yourself to scanlate the next chapter of Amatsuki into English because you think we're not already banging our heads together over it. We probably are and would infinitely prefer that you drop us a comment of encouragement or an application to help out rather than allow us to discover someone has jumped the gun on our next release.

Oi
chatter
THESE ARE OVERSTUFFED!
chatter
HEY, ARE THOSE APPETIZERS DONE?
chatter


SO WE FIGURED WE'D COOK UP THE LEFTOVER FOOD
chatter
OH, YES, THE PRINCESS IS GOING OUT TODAY



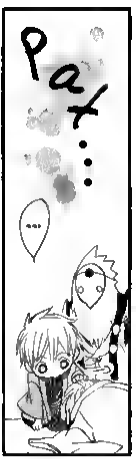

WOW
Hahaha, we'll make last night's dinner into today's lunches!
gosh
WOW
We got lucky!

Hmm

Hm?
chatter
Hey, we've got leftovers today?

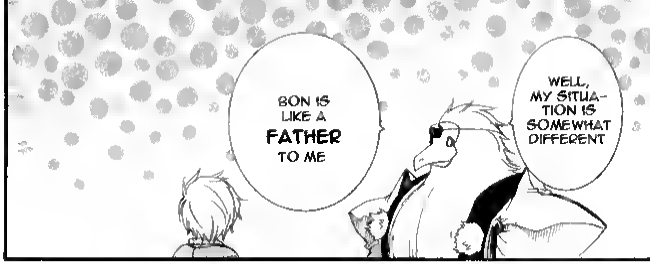
REACH

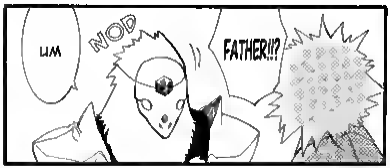
POKE POKE POKE POKE POKE
H_ HUMAN!!
THAT'S OVER-DOING IT!


Pat...
...

What is he doing?
BUT HE REALLY IS SOUND ASLEEP
UM
Sorry I was just curious
THUD
THROB
THROB

HE DOESN'T TELL ME ANYTHING
THERE IS MUCH I DO NOT KNOW ABOUT BON
BUT WHENEVER HE WORKS HIMSELF INTO THIS STATE, HE'S ALWAYS LIVELY WHEN HE WAKES
OH. OKAY
SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY, HUMAN
SO I'M SURE HE'LL BE JUST FINE
HAHA YOU'RE ONE TO TALK UTSUBUSHI-SAN!
WORRYING ABOUT A STUBBORN FOOL LIKE BON
YOU'RE A STRANGE ONE TOO, HUMAN
UM... ONCE HE FALLS ASLEEP, HE CAN'T BE WOKEN
WHEN HE DOES WAKE, A WHOLE WEEK MIGHT HAVE GONE BY
IT VARIES


BON IS LIKE A FATHER TO ME
WELL, MY SITUATION IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT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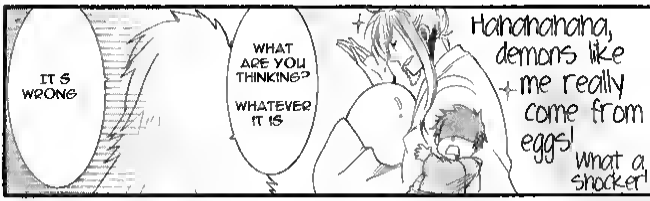
NOD
FATHER!!?


IT'S WRONG
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? WHATEVER IT IS
Hahahahaha, demons like me really come from eggs! What a shocker!

I DARE SAY I WOULD BE CONSIDERED THE LOWEST FORM OF DEMON
MY BODY IS, YOU COULD SAY, AN EMPTY VESSEL

...No way!
Bon-ten can create de-mons?
BUT IT'S MORE LIKE HE "BINDS WHAT HAS BEEN LOST."
I DON'T KNOW EXACT-LY HOW HE DOES IT...
HE CANNOT CREATE FROM NOTHING AS YOU CAN
Thanks
BON CREATED ME...
BY COLLECT-ING THE BONES OF DEMON BIRDS
AND I...
BECAME HIS WINGS.
FROM NOW ON, YOU WILL BE CALLED "UTSU-BUSHI."
COME WITH ME.
I'LL SHOW YOU THE WIDEST SKIES AND THE HIGHEST VIEWS

THEY'RE FADING AWAY.
AND HE BINDS THEM.
AND THAT IS WHY HE IS REVERED AS HEAVEN'S SEAT.
WE DEMONS ARE WEAK AND ETHEREAL THINGS, BUT RON HAS GIVEN US A SOLID EXISTENCE.
TSUYU-KUSA AS WELL...
HE IS MORE UNSTABLE THAN I BUT HE HAS ALSO BEGUN TO DIS-APPEAR
WHEN THE BODY IS LOST, WE FADE AWAY BUT RON HAS GIVEN US FORM
THAT IS WHY WE LOOK TO RON AS OUR LEADER.

BONTEN ...?
HEY
HEY!!!
HEY !!!!
HUH?
What?
WHY ARE YOU STILL HOLDING MY HAND!?
SQUEEZE
WHAT THE HELL, MAN!?
What's wrong with that? We're friends, aren't we?

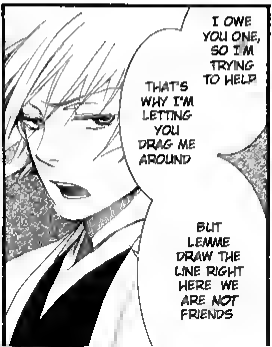
...HMPH

I'm sorry!
THUD

JUST SO YOU KNOW, I'M NOT HERE TO BE YOUR REPLACEMENT FRIEND.

what!?
IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT?
I HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD, HUH?
YOU'RE FEELING LONELY, SO YOU'LL TAKE WHATEVER YOU CAN GET AS A SUBSTITUTE, HUH? IT'S ANNOYING

I'VE GOT NO INTENTION OF PLAYING HOUSE WITH YOU.
AND I AIN'T FOOLING AROUND
Tsuyu-kusa...


I OWE YOU ONE, SO I'M TRYING TO HELP
THAT'S WHY I'M LETTING YOU DRAG ME AROUND
BUT LEMME DRAW THE LINE RIGHT HERE WE ARE NOT FRIENDS

SURPRISE
SHUT THE FUCK UP!
THAT'S TOO BAD, BUT IT'S ALRIGHT!
I STILL LIKE YOU TSUYUKUSA!!
I SMELL BLOOD
..Tsuyu-kusa?

WAIT FOR ME...!!
WAIT!!
TSUYU-KUSA!!
WHOOSH
ARE YOU STUPID!? DON'T GET IN MY WAY!! THE SMELL IS EVERY-WHERE!
IF WE STICK TOGETHER, MAYBE WE CAN HELP THEM!
QUIT BOSS-ING ME AROUND!! YOU'RE NOT ACTING LIKE YOUR-SELF!
CRACK
.... SHIT!
WHETHER IT'S A HUMAN OR A DEMON!

OH NO
WAH!!
DASH DASH DASH
CRASH
ARE WE GOING!?
WHERE
TSUYUKUSA!!
YOU'LL BITE YOUR TONGE OFF.
SHUT UP!
DASH
WHERE IT GOES... I HAVE NO IDEA!!
THIS IS AN ANIMAL'S PATH!!
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH

sma
sh
THEY'RE

WELL, BENI-CHAN, I GUESS THAT'S IT.
MAN, BUT WE'VE GOTTA CLEAN THIS UP...
THEY'RE FROM THE ONMYOU BUREAU!!
SHIT !!!
SWING
WHOOSH
wah
GOOD EVEN-ING, RIKU-GOU -SAN.
...OH...
WELCOME VISITOR.
check.
...Kuro tobi -san...
...And Beni -san?
RUSTLE

GAH!
<SFX slash>
<SFX whip>
<SFX whip>
stare
surprise
THUD

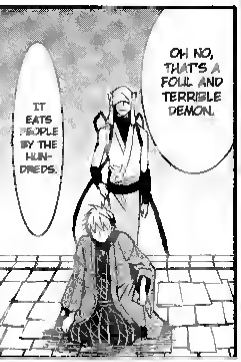
STAB
STAB
STAB
<SFX. jump>
TSUYU-KUSA!!
BENI -SAN...!!
PLEASE STOP!!
RIKUGOU -SAN, PLEASE LOOK CLOSELY AT BENI-CHAN, OKAY?
UNFORT-UNATELY, THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
tap

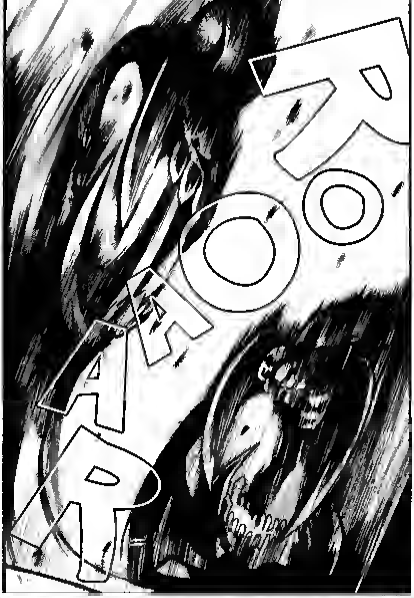
SEE THAT MASK SHE WEARS?
THAT'S BEN! -CHAN'S ULTIMATE WEAPON.
WHEN SHE'S WEARING THAT SPIRIT -POSSESSED MASK, BEN! -CHAN IS UNCONTROL-LABLE.
SHE CAN'T EVEN HEAR MY WORDS.
ROAR!
ROAR!
ROAR
DODGE
!?
SWING

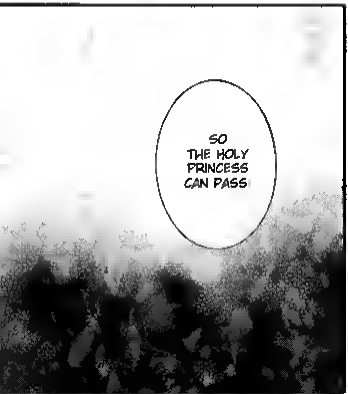
—YOU'RE THE AKASHITA FROM THE WESTERN MARSH, RIGHT?
ARE YOU OKAY?
—YOU'RE—
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
.....!

That huge monster...!!
HEY!
STAY BACK, THAT THING'S STILL ALIVE!!
...YOU TOO, AKASHITA...?
laugh
laugh
laugh
shins
POOF!

WAAH...
MONSTER DEATH MATCH!!!!


OH NO, THAT'S A FOUL AND TERRIBLE DEMON.
IT EATS PEOPLE BY THE HUNDREDS.

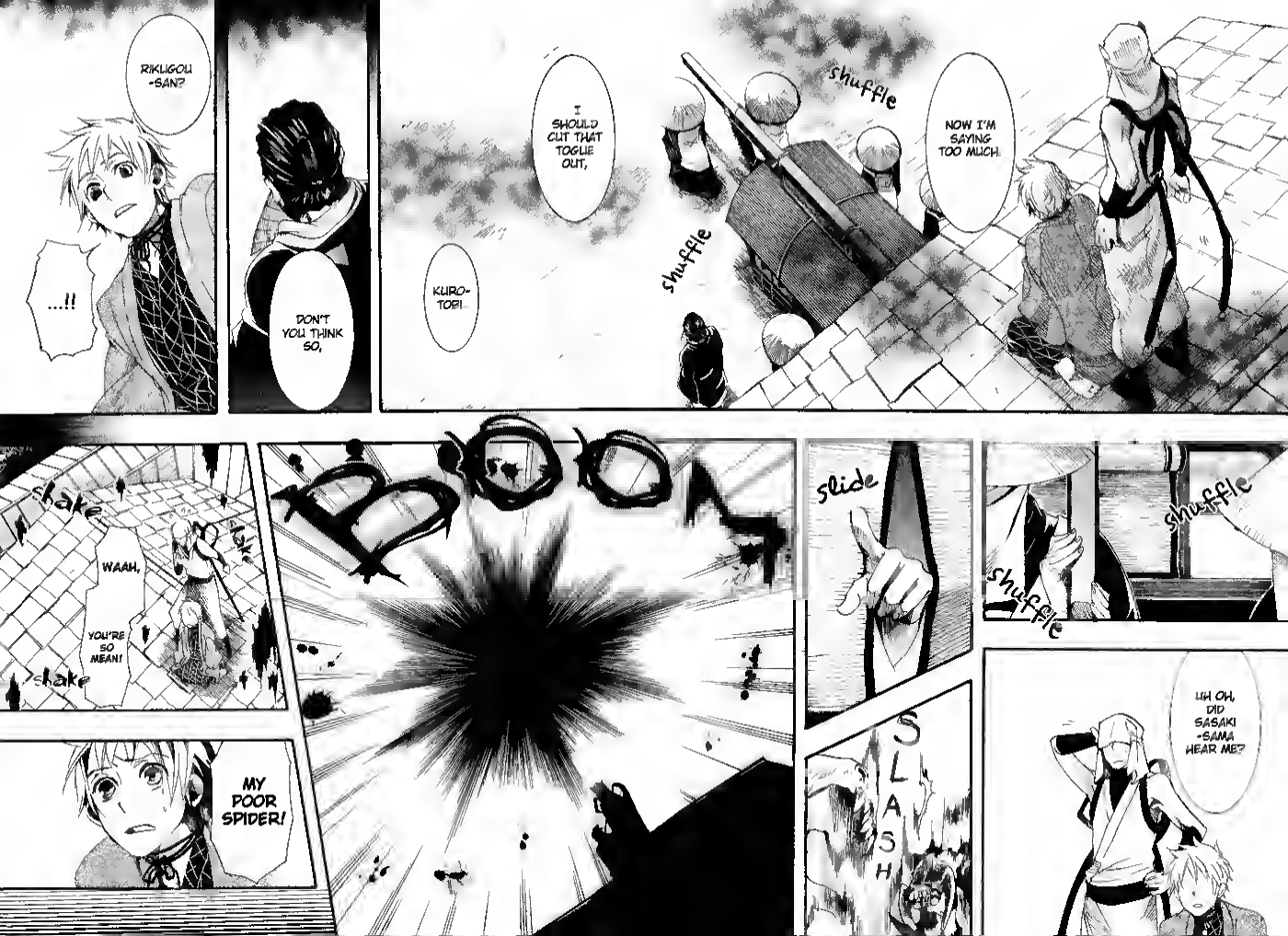

ROOOAR


SO THE HOLY PRINCESS CAN PASS

YOU CERTAINLY ARE NOSY
WE WERE ASKED BY THE LOCALS,
IF WE COULD EXTERMINATE IT, YOU KNOW?

Ginshu-san? But I thought the curse meant she couldn't go outside...
...She's coming...?
CURSE?
WHERE DID YOU HEAR THAT?
THE REPLACE-MENT GINSHU -SAMA .
IS STRONG AND GLORIOUS. HE HANDLES HIS OWN EXTERMINATIONS

HOW
REPLACE-
MENT..
COULD THAT
PERSON..
BE GONE ..?
Bon-
ten..
And
Shinshu
-chan
too..
THEY
WERE
RESET
Huh?
BE GONE...?


RIKUGOU -SAN?
...!!
DON'T YOU THINK SO,
KURO-TOS!
I SHOULD CUT THAT TOGLIE OUT,
shuffle
shuffle
NOW I'M SAYING TOO MUCH.
shake
WAAH,
YOU'RE SO MEAN!
shake
BOOM
MY POOR SPIDER!
slide
SLASH
shuffle
shuffle
UH OH, DID SASAKI -SAMA HEAR ME?

Forgive me, Kurotoki -san.
But that's the punishment for talking too much.
Right, Sosoki -sama?
Huh...?
Gin-shu... san?
THAT'S RIGHT
Yes...
..?
Giggle
.....!!
SHUDDER

WAH!
HEY!
RIKUGOU-SA.
WE'RE GOING.
clatter
WAH!
OOH... THEY'RE GONE.
IS THAT OKAY?
YES
THERE'S STILL TIME.
RIGHT?

DOSH
DOSH
DOSH
DOSH
DOSH
!!!
THAT WOMAN AIN'T NORMAL! I CAN'T BEAT HER!
FUCK!!

WELL, MAYBE HE HAD HIS FLAWS, BUT I COULD HAVE TALKED TO HIM.
AND THE AKA-SHITA.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM.
BUT HE WAS DRUNK ON THE POISON OF HUMAN BLOOD

THERE WAS NOTHING WE COULD HAVE DONE...
SO WAS HE DRIVEN MAD FIRST, OR DID HE ATTACK FIRST...
OF COURSE HE'D BE HUNGRY FOR FLESH

It's not that
I think maybe
I feel angry.

GRR...
SO DON'T LOOK SO DAMNED DEPRESSED!
HEY!! YOU LISTEN-ING!?
Say something!!

No...

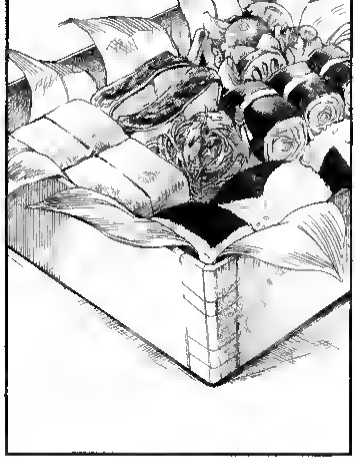
SLIPPERY

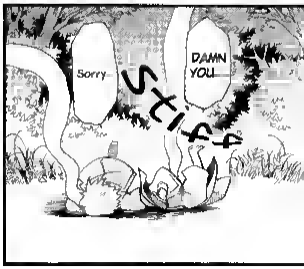
Ah!!
Huh?

FLAIL
WHAT IF IT WON'T STOP!
IT IS A BIG DEAL!!
FLAIL
YOU IDIOT!! DON'T FREAK OUT!!
CRASH-!!

FLAIL
SO WHAT?
IT'S JUST A LITTLE. IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
FLAIL
Wha...
WAHH!!
TSUYU-KUSA!!
BLOOD! BLOOD!!

Eeeeee!




Sorry
DAMN YOU
Stiff

ANYWAY, WE'VE GOTTA GO BACK SO I CAN GET THIS TREATED!!
SHUT UP! DON'T DRAG ME!

chomp

chew
chew

That looks good
Wah
Mm, that's good.
I guess he's not coming today.
Hmph
blink
burp
That was probably too much to eat by myself.

W..
WAIT!!
SHI-NONO-ME!!
But...
But
-0-
THE EYE-PATCH!!
DON'T YOU HAVE THE EYE-PATCH!?
...It couldn't be...

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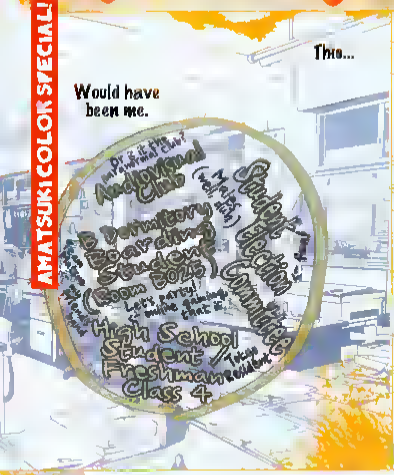

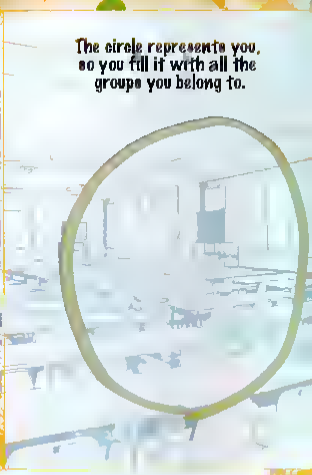

And you call the people in those groups your "friends."
But it's just that one group turns into two, and then into more than you can count, right?
Not to brag or anything, though...
I could probably keep thinking of more off the top of my head.
It's probably not going to mean anything to anyone but you
So..
What would I write in that circle now?

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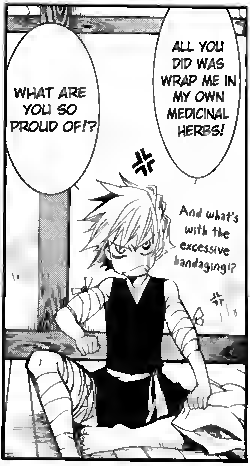
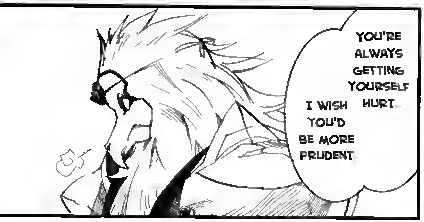
SHOCK

BATTLE
MY MEDICAL SKILLS ARE QUITE GOOD!
HMM ...

DID YOU TRY TO FIGHT THE ONMYOU BUREAU AGAIN?
I'M JUST GLAD YOU WEREN'T SERIOUSLY INJURED.


ALL YOU DID WAS WRAP ME IN MY OWN MEDICINAL HERBS!
WHAT ARE YOU SO PROUD OF!?
And what's with the excessive bandaging!?


YOU'RE ALWAYS GETTING YOURSELF HURT. I WISH YOU'D BE MORE PRUDENT

OH,
NOW WHERE DID THAT "BAGGAGE" RUN OFF TO?

HMPH!
ONLY BECAUSE I HAD BAGGAGE.
WELL, AT LEAST YOU CAME BACK AND DIDN'T INSIST ON CHASING AFTER THEM.

OI!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
...TSUYUKUSA?
YOUR GROUPS ARE "DEMONS" AND "HEAVEN'S SEAT", RIGHT?
HUH?
THIS IS SUDDEN.
NOT REALLY
NO MATTER WHERE I AM..

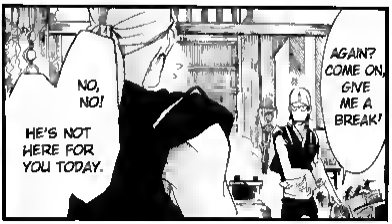
I ALWAYS THINK ABOUT GOING BACK.
CAW CAW
I MEAN...
DON'T YOU FEEL BETTER WHEN YOU'RE PART OF A GROUP?
HERE... I DON'T FIT IN ANY-WHERE.
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I DID, THEY WERE GONE
NO... THAT'S NOT RIGHT
THEY'RE JUST...
NOT HERE RIGHT NOW.

I CAN'T ACCEPT THAT.
EVEN IF IT'S JUST LASHING OUT, I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING OR NOTHING WILL HAPPEN.
THERE'S NO WAY ANYBODY COULD ACCEPT THAT.
I WON'T BE ABLE TO BRING THEM BACK.
THEY'RE NOT HERE...
chirp
flutter flutter
AND IF I LET GO...
BUT IF I TAKE A STAND, I'VE GOT TO BE READY TO FIGHT.
I DON'T REALLY LIKE FIGHTING, BUT I'M SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.
HEY, TSUYU-KUSA! TEACH ME HOW TO FIGHT!
turn
I'VE NEVER REALLY BEEN IN A FIGHT BEFORE...
AND IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE BEEN THIS ANGRY.
.....
MAN, YOU REALLY ARE SERIOUS...

YOU'RE SMILING, AREN'T YOU?
grin
IF HEAVEN
HAS A WILL
OI, KON!
KON!

HE CAME HERE TO SEE THE HOLY PRINCESS

IT'S YOUR USUAL VISITOR!!
HE'S HERE AGAIN!!
WHAT?


NO, NO!
HE'S NOT HERE FOR YOU TODAY.
AGAIN? COME ON, GIVE ME A BREAK!

PERHAPS YOU COULD RE-SCHEDULE.

HEY.

..ALRIGHT THEN, PLEASE WAIT IN LINE FOR YOUR INTERVIEW.
mumble
mumble

TELL HER THAT THE "UNWRITTEN PAGE" GUY IS HERE, OKAY?
WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING...!?
SORRY ABOUT THAT, HE'S WITH ME
mumble mumble
...IN THAT CASE, COME
jingle

I NEVER IMAGINED THAT I WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE THE ONE WHO BEARS THAT NAME IN PERSON.
IT IS A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, ESTEEMED "UNWRITTEN PAGE."
I HEARD ABOUT IT FROM SASAKI AFTER-WARDS
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT WE CROSSED PATHS FOR A MOMENT IN TOWN THE OTHER DAY
OH YES
- THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET
ARE YOU..
REALLY GINSHU-SAN?
OF COURSE
?

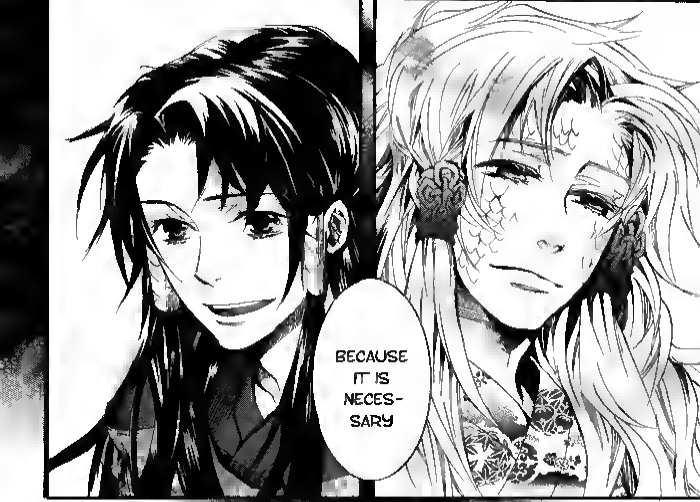
I WAS SELECTED IN ABSOLUTE SECRECY AND SOMEDAY
I AM GINSHU
I SHALL INHERIT THIS PLACE
I AM POWERFUL,
BEAUTIFUL,
AND WISE.
I HAVE STUDIED THE MANDATED KNOWLEDGE, FOR OVER TEN YEARS
.. THE "YOU" I KNOW...
WAS SUFFERING FROM A SNAKE'S CURSE
BUT YOUR EYES
WERE FULL OF SADNESS FOR YOUR SISTER
snap
OH MY
YOU SURPRISED ME
rise

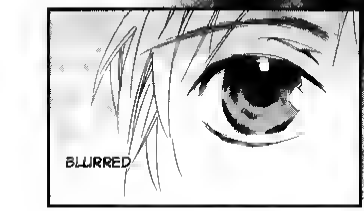
PERHAPS SIR "UNWRITTEN PAGE" YOU ARE ACQUAINTED WITH A PREVIOUS GINSHU
I AM THE 28TH GINSHU

AT THE END A GREAT SNAKE DEMON CURSED HIM AND HE DIED
OR SO I'VE HEARD
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY ONE OF MY DISTANT PRE-DECESSORS WAS LOST IN A BATTLE WITH A DEMON
BUT THAT...
WAS OVER FIFTY YEARS AGO

EVERYTHING HAS BEEN OVERWRITTEN!
AGAIN...
FIFTY...
BUT... WHO IS THIS PERSON?
HAHAHA THAT'S RIGHT! YOU'RE A STRANGE ONE AREN'T YOU?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE YOUNGER THAN ME...
DOES THE "UNWRITTEN PAGE" HAVE ETERNAL LIFE AND LONGEVITY OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
WOWE WOWE
OH NO, I DON'T!
HE'S SO MUCH
IS THAT SO?
NANANANA
LIKE GINSHU-SAN
NO THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE RIGHT?
BUT

HE HAS THE SAME LAUGHING VOICE
If you did, then I'd have to ask for the secret to your youthful looks!
THE SAME PERSONALITY
PLEASE FORGIVE ME
BUT NOW I'M JUST BEING SILLY, AREN'T I?
BUT STILL, THIS PERSON IS DIFFERENT
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WISHED TO SPEAK TO ME ABOUT?
WELL THEN WHAT CAN I DO FOR THE UNWRITTEN PAGE TODAY?
I CAME HERE TO ASK WHY YOU KILL DEMONS.
I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU COULD CLEAR UP SOMETHING I'VE HEARD FROM OTHERS.


BECAUSE IT IS NECES-SARY

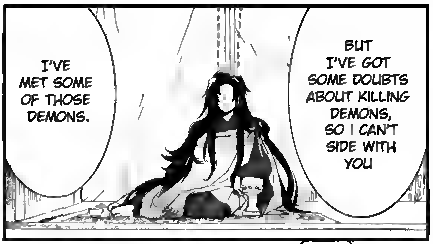

BLURRED

THEY'VE BECOME

THE NUMRER OF DEMONS HAS SUDDENLY INCREASED

POV
BUT WHEN THE GREAT BATTLES WERE OVER THE INSURGENCY BEGAN
THE WAR WITH THE DEMONS HAS MADE THE WORLD A SAFER PLACE
SIP

SPLASH
THEY WILL OVER-FLOW INTO OUR WORLD
AT THIS RATE THE DARK WORLD OF THE DEMONS CANNOT CONTAIN THEM.
SPLASH
IT IS NOT FOR ME TO COMPRE-HEND
HEAVEN'S WILL IS THE WILL OF THE WHOLE WORLD
HEAVEN DOES NOT MANDATE HUMANS ALONE
ARE YOU WITH ME?
IF YOU LEND ME YOUR POWER IT IS POS-SIBLE
SO WE MUST ACT IN HEAVEN'S STEAD AND STRIKE DOWN THE DEMONS FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE.
BUT A LAWLESS HEAVEN WOULD BE MEANING LESS



HEAVEN, HUMANS, DEMONS..

WHICH OF THEM IS RIGHT?

I CAN'T GO ON UNTIL I GET THEM BACK!
THEN YOU AND TEITEN AND EVERY-ONE ELSE CAN ALL GO TO HELL!

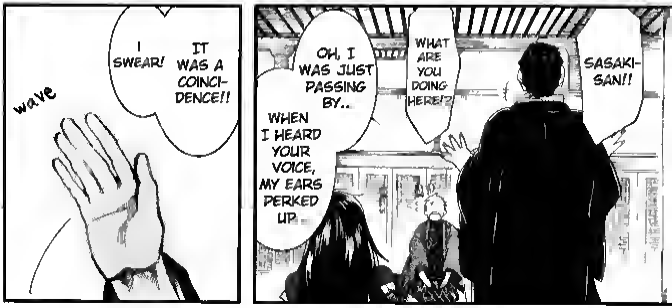
NOT EVERYONE CAN BE MADE TO FIT WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THIS WORLD
THE CIRCLE CAN'T ENCOMPASS THEM ALL

IS THAT THEIR CHOICE, OR IS IT BECAUSE I CAN'T MAKE UP MY MIND?
AS LONG AS I CAN PROTECT THE PEOPLE CLOSE TO ME...

YOU KNOW,
IF YOU DON'T TELL ME, I CAN'T MAKE IT
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING TO EAT?
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING SPECIAL
YOU'LL BE HAPPY IF I CAN MAKE SOMETHING YOU LIKE.
YOU THINK I'LL GET MAD IF YOU ASK FOR SOMETHING SELFISH?
SIGH
JUST SAY IT.
IS IT REALLY THAT BIG OF A DEAL?

WHEN THINGS AREN'T LIKE YOU REMEMBERED, YOU FEEL ALONE
WHEN SOMEONE ELSE IS MISERABLE, YOU FEEL MISERABLE TOO
WHEN SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT, IT LEAVES A BAD TASTE IN YOUR MOUTH
IF YOU OR THE DEMONS OR ANYBODY ELSE WANTS TO ASK ME FOR MY HELP
THEN COME TO ME AGAIN WITH AN OPEN MIND
YEAH, IF THE THREE OF US AREN'T TOGETHER
THEN THAT IS A BIG DEAL!
AND WE'LL FIGHT TEITEN TOGETHER
GULP
GULP
GULP

MY COMPLI-MENTS.
FIRING AN ARROW RIGHT AT HEAVEN ITSELF - MY, AREN'T YOU BRAVE?
CLAP
CLAP
WELL NOW!
THOSE WERE VERY SPIRITED WORDS!
CLAP
CLAP


wave
I SWEAR!
IT WAS A COINCI-DENCE!!
OH, I WAS JUST PASSING BY..
WHEN I HEARD YOUR VOICE, MY EARS PERKED UP.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
SASAKI-SAN!!

CRA
SH

I lied~
Of course
It was completly intentional~

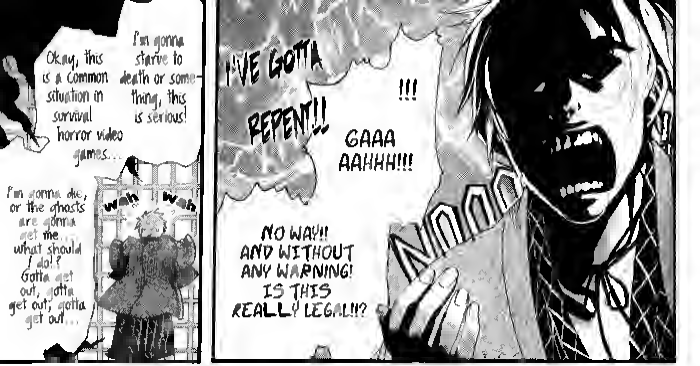
PUNCH

BRING HIM ALONG

HE CAME HERE JUST AS YOU SAID HE WOULD.
HA HA ...
SO THAT WAS THE "UNWRITTEN PAGE"

THAT WAS RATHER OVER-DONE
GOOD!

UGH..
OWWW...
My neck is stiff..
SHIIIT ...
WHAT HAP-PENED?
sit
H...
HUH!?
ga
sp
N... NO WAY...
IS THIS...
A PRI-SON?
SHOCK


Okay, this is a common situation in survival horror video games...
I'm gonna starve to death or something, this is serious!
I'm gonna die, or the ghosts are gonna get me... what should I do!? Gotta get out, gotta get out; gotta get out...
wah
wah
I'VE GOTTA
!!!
REPENT!!
GAAA AAHHH!!!
NOOO
NO WAY!! AND WITHOUT ANY WARNING! IS THIS REALLY LEGAL!?

KNOCK
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GO TO THE BATHROOM IN HERE!?
WAIT...

NOOOO... IF I'VE GOTTA DIE...
I DON'T WANT TO DIE ALONE...!!
TWITCH
WAAH!! AS SOON AS YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T GO, YOU'VE REALLY GOTTA GO...!!
GAAAHH!! I'M SO SORRY!! PLEASE FORGIVE ME!!
PANIC

WHY?
NO WAY
WH-AT?
HUH?
...SHUT UP!!
WHO'S THERE?
TSURU-UME-SAN!?
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Huh? Traditional New Year's games? Like what?
Can we eat yet?
It's finally New Year's so let's playsome traditional games!
HAPPY NEW YEAR
2008
drool
wah!
SLAM
THWACK!
WAH!
SMACK
Or playing badmin ton!
HEY!!!!!!! THAT'S MY WALL SCROLL!
GA
SLASH
SHAMON
Like writing our New Year's wishes!
All kinds of fun stuff!
bubble bubble
bubble
NOOOO
FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, STOP!!
THUD
CRASH
NOT THAT KIND OF "TAKO", YOU LEGENDARY IDIOT!!
(T/N "kite" and "octopus" are both "tako" in Japanese)
Kite flying!
PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US THIS YEAR!
Then I'll accept their gifts for them!
HAPPY NEW YEA . HUH? ARE YOU STAYING HOME AND BEING GOOD? WHERE ARE THOSE BOYS? THEY WON'T GET ANY PRESENTS!
ouch
ouuuu
damn her
grrrr

新春
謹賀
あまつき

Chapter 12 The Fickleness Of Acceptance

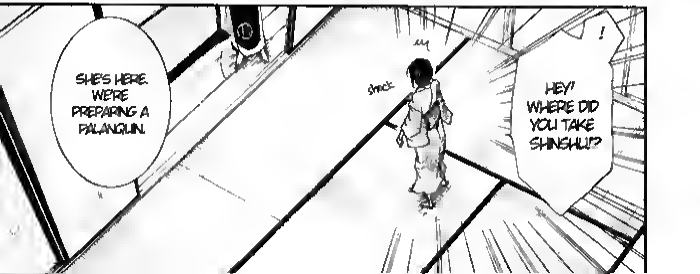
HUH?
NO!!
N...
N... NO!!
DON'T... DON'T RIDICULE ME!!
I...!!
I...!!
NO!! DON'T LOOK!!
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT!!
IT'S OKAY IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK...! BUT PLEASE CALM DOWN!
HEY!
WHAT'S WRONG!!? DID SOME-THING HAPPEN..!?
T... TSURUUME-SAN!!
TSURUUME-SAN!! PLEASE CALM DOWN!!
AH!!
AH!!
AH!!
AH!!

GIN-SHU-SAMA...
WHAT HAPPENED TO GINSHU-SAMA...!?
I... I JUST...
WH...
WHAT DID YOU SAY, TSURUME-SAN...!!?
DO YOU REMEMBER THE OLD GINSHU-SAN!?
...AH....!

IF YOU MEAN THE GINSHU-SAN THAT WAS SUFFERING FROM A SNAKE'S CURSE.
YEAH! I MEAN I THINK SO
GIN-SHU-SAMA!?
DO YOU... KNOW HER...?
Y... YOU!
...!!

SOB SOB SOB
T... TSURU-UME-SAN...
WAH!?
...!

AS SHE CRIED, SHE SPOKE TO ME...
AND TOLD ME WHAT HAD HAPPENED.
RUMBLE
WH...
WHAT IS THAT!? THAT BLACK CLOUD!!
TSURU-UME-SAMA!
GO INSIDE!
SLAM


SHE'S HERE. WE'RE PREPARING A PALANQUIN.
SHIT.
HEY! WHERE DID YOU TAKE SHINSHU!?

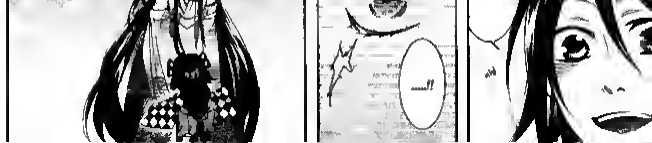
WH... YOU BAS-TARD ...!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST...!!
WE'LL TAKE HER WITHIN THE ONMYOU BUREAU'S TRIPLE STRENGTH PROTECTIVE BARRIER
AFTER ALL, WE WOULDN'T WANT ANYTHING TO HAPPEN TO OUR PRECIOUS CHILD OF HEAVEN.

SHE'LL BE WITH MY SISTER.
PLEASE CALM DOWN WE WILL RETURN HER ONCE WE HAVE CONFIRMED THE SECURITY OF THE SHRINE
SECU-RITY...?
WHAT HAPPENED AT THE SHRINE...?

MISS.
MISS, PLEASE WAKE UP
...HUH? WHERE AM I...?
WE'VE ARRIVED YOU CAN GET OUT NOW
UM. WHAT?
OH, YOU MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP
WE'RE HEADED BACK TO THE SHOP
rustle

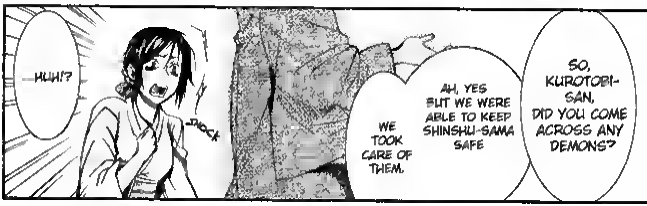
...Oh!
I APOLOGIZE FOR RUSHING YOU.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE FEELING ALRIGHT?
PERHAPS YOU'RE A BIT TIRED?
NO.. NOT REALLY..
?

Big brother!
SHINSHU-SAMA, COME BACK!
PLEASE COME BACK!
SOMETHING FEELS STRANGE...
WHAT IS IT...?


.....!!
SHINSHU-SAMA..

OH, TSURUUME
THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AFTER SHINSHU
G...
GIN-SHU-SAMA!
IS YOUR BODY WELL!?
I GUESS SO?
WHY DO YOU ASK?
GIN
SHU
SAMA

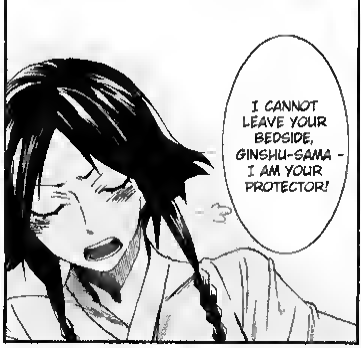
AH
UM
I GUESS
I'M FINE! YOU KNOW I'M AS STRONG AS AN OX, DON'T YOU?
HA HA


HUH!?
-Thock
WE TOOK CARE OF THEM.
AH, YES BUT WE WERE ABLE TO KEEP SHINSHU-SAMA SAFE
SO, KUROTORI-SAN, DID YOU COME ACROSS ANY DEMONS?

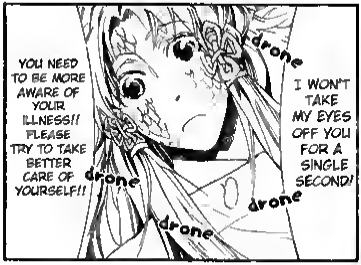
WHAT!?
YOU CAN'T!!
Hey, big brother, next time you should come with us too!! It's fun outside!
WELL, MAYBE
Oh no, no

I wasn't scared!
SEE, SHINSHU?
YOU SELFISHLY INSISTED ON GOING OUTSIDE, AND YOU HAD A FRIGHT!

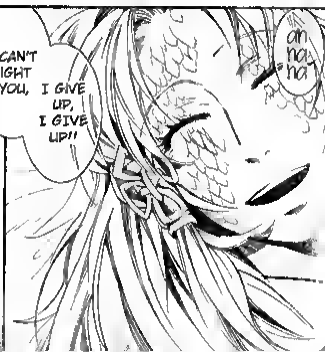
TSURU-UME?
BUT...
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR BODY...?
WHAT ABOUT THE DEMONS OUT-SIDE?
NO... WHAT AM I SAY-ING?
BUT GIN-SHU-SAMA IS...
UM, MISS, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
TSURU-UME
YOUR FACE IS SO PALE
...!!
BUT....
YOU PASSED OUT.


I CANNOT LEAVE YOUR BEDSIDE, GINSHU-SAMA - I AM YOUR PROTECTOR!

PLEASE, GO TO SLEEP!
NO!
I'M PERFECTLY FINE!


YOU NEED TO BE MORE AWARE OF YOUR ILLNESS!! PLEASE TRY TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOURSELF!!
I WON'T TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU FOR A SINGLE SECOND!
drone
drone
drone
drone

THANK YOU.


I CAN'T FIGHT YOU, TSURU-UME
I GIVE UP, I GIVE UP!!
an na, na?

Thank You
WHO ...
ARE YOU!?
...MAYBE I WAS TOO OUT OF MY MIND TO SAY ANYTHING AFTER THAT?
I JUST SCREAMED AND SCREAMED UNTIL MY VISION SPUN
IN THE END, THEY SAID I WAS CRAZY AND LOCKED ME HERE.

BUT I'D NEVER SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT!!
BUT...
THAT, UH, REALLY SUCKS

WAS HER CURSE BROKEN!? HOW!? WHY DOESN'T ANYONE ELSE QUESTION THIS!?
BUT... GINSHU-SAMA... WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HER!?

I THINK HE WAS REPLACED
I DON'T THINK GINSHU-SAN'S CURSE WAS BROKEN
THAT'S...
HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSI-BLE?

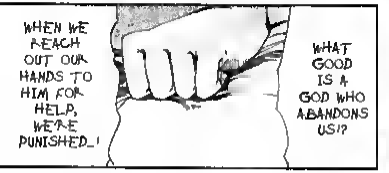
THEY LOOK THE SAME, BUT I THINK THEY'RE DIFFERENT PEOPLE.
THAT PERSON ISN'T THE SAME GINSHU SAN AS BEFORE, I THINK
GIN-SHU-SAMA IS...!!

WHAT KIND OF GOD IS THAT!?
IDIOT!!

TEITEN COULD DO IT.

HE EXISTS ONLY TO TOY WITH SHINSHU, WHO PROTECTS US FROM THE DEMONS_!
WHO_ WHO IS TEITEN ANY-WAY?

SHOCK
BECAUSE HE'S "GOD."


WHEN WE REACH OUT OUR HANDS TO HIM FOR HELP, WE'RE PUNISHED_!
WHAT GOOD IS A GOD WHO ABANDONS US!?

TSURU-UME-SAN...
WE HAVE NO NEED FOR HEAVEN!!

BE STRONG AT A TIME LIKE THIS...?
HOW CAN SHE...!
ALL THE BLOOD HAS GONE FROM HER FINGERTIPS
SHE'S EXHAUSTED
AND IN HER HEART
HER FACE IS A LOT THINNER THAN I REMEMBER
TSURU-UME-SAN..
drip
drip
ALL SHE CAN DO IS CRY FOR HIM
WAH!!
BECAUSE HEAVEN... FEELS NO PITY FOR US!!
AH!
AH!
AH!
AH!

THAT'S GREAT, TSURUUME-SAN!
YOU FOUGHT AGAINST TEITEN!
bounce

YOU REALLY DO LOVE GINSHU-SAN, DON'T YOU?
huh?
THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T FORGET HIM!
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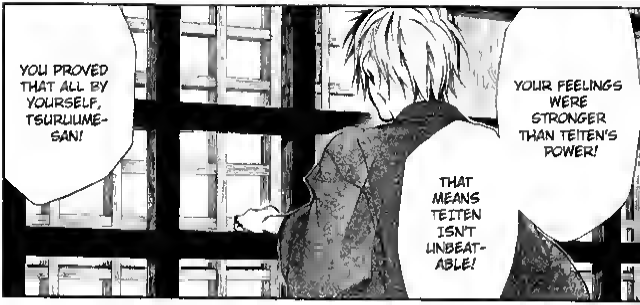
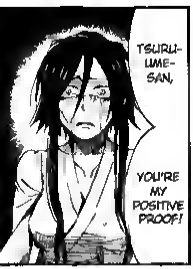
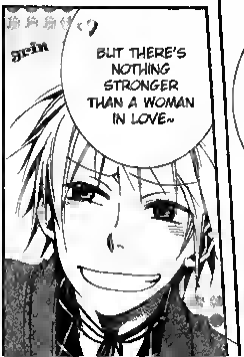

YOU PROVED THAT ALL BY YOURSELF, TSURUUME-SAN!
YOUR FEELINGS WERE STRONGER THAN TEITEN'S POWER!
THAT MEANS TEITEN ISN'T UNBEAT-ABLE!

SO THERE MUST BE A WAY! THERE MUST BE A WAY TO GET GINSHU-SAN BACK!


TSURUME-SAN,
YOU'RE MY POSITIVE PROOF!

THANK YOU, TSURUME-SAN.
HA HA...
I'VE GOT SOMEONE I REMEMBER, TOO.
THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING GINSHU-SAN.
SO I FEEL A BIT BETTER NOW.

TEITEN CAN'T COMPLETELY ERASE PEOPLE'S FEELINGS!



STRONG EMOTIONS CAN OVERCOME HIM!

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK
...OH, RIGHT.
Y... YOU IDIOT!!
DON'T THINK SUCH IMPROPER THOUGHTS!
Ah ha ha ha ha
well, at least she's energetic now!
SMASH!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
UGH
FOR SOME REASON, YOU'RE FAMILIAR..
you don't remember me at all!?
GAAH!
Eh!?
T-Tsuku-ume-san!?
Eeeh!?
BAWWWWWWW
We went to find a cure for Gunshi-san's curse!!
That's not!
AND SHINSHU GOT ATTACHED TO YOU, SO YOU DECIDED TO TAKE HER OUTSIDE..
Huff
That's right!
AFTER ALL, SASAKI BROUGHT YOU ALONG AS THE UNWRITTEN PAGE

AND YOU GOT SO SCARED BY DEMONS THAT YOU COULDN'T GO BACK TO WORK!!
gasp
SINCE YOU WERE WITH KUROTORI, I FIGURED YOU WERE HUNTING DEMONS,
BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU JUST WENT TO HAVE FUN.
HEY!! THAT IS A CRUEL AND BASELESS ACCUSATION!!
Maybe...
Maybe I really am that much of a loser...
AM I WRONG? REALLY? I WONDER...

!?
shock
I'D LIKE TO KNOW TOO
Ahaha hahaha, I wonder!
WELL THEN, WHO ARE YOU, REALLY?

IF YOU'RE GONNA START A FUSS, THEN DO IT SOMEPLACE ELSE
MAN, YOU WEREN'T JOKING AROUND.

Shino-nome!!
I DON'T WANNA HAVE TO SEE IT.
FIGHTING LEAVES A BAD TASTE IN MY MOUTH
Thank goodness! Did you come to save us!?
HAHA, YOU WISH
I'M JUST BRINGING YOUR FOOD.
YOU'RE JUST MESSING WITH ME, RIGHT...?
♡
Kee
ENJOY IT, BECAUSE IT'S YOUR LAST MEAL!
drop
HERE YA GO

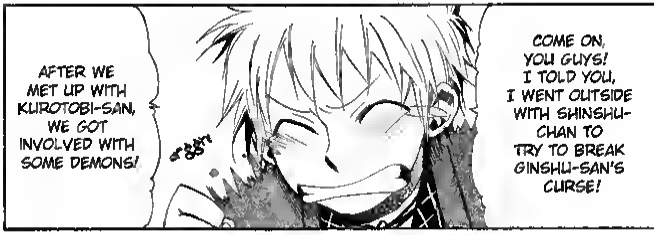
HERE, I BROUGHT SOME FOR YOU TOO
WHAT'S THIS? SO YOU TALK TO OTHER PEOPLE TOO, HUH? YOU'RE AWFULLY POPULAR, AREN'T YOU?

IT SEEMS LIKE YOU TWO ALREADY KNOW EACH OTHER.

I GUESS WE'RE KINDRED SPIRITS.
YEAH, WE'RE BOTH NUTCASES WHO OPENED OUR BIG MOUTHS IN FRONT OF YOU PEOPLE.

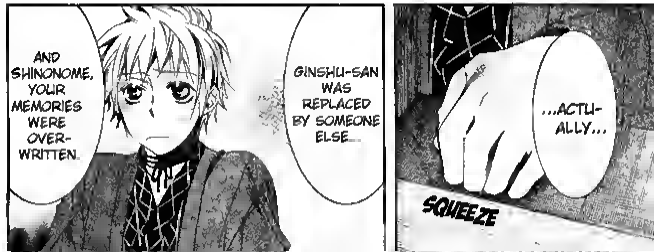
THIS IS JUST CRUEL!
BUT I DON'T REMEMBER YOU
WAAH!!
WAAH!!

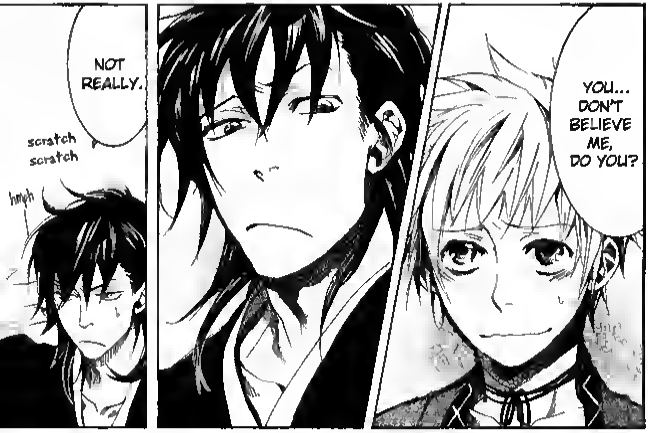
YOU KNOW MEEE EEE!!
ASHLEY
BUT I STILL DON'T HAVE A CLUE WHO HE IS!
ASHLEY


COME ON, YOU GUYS! I TOLD YOU, I WENT OUTSIDE WITH SHINSHU-CHAN TO TRY TO BREAK GINSHU-SAN'S CURSE!
AFTER WE MET UP WITH KUROTOBI-SAN, WE GOT INVOLVED WITH SOME DEMONS!

SINCE IT WAS DANGEROUS, I SPLIT OFF FROM SHINSHU-CHAN AND TSURUUME-SAN
SOMETHING HAPPENED AT THE SHRINE THAT CAUSED ALL OF THIS!

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED...
THAT MADE THE PRINCESS'S CURSE DISAPPEAR.
AND TURNED ME INTO A DIFFERENT PERSON?


...ACTU-ALLY...
SQUEEZE
GINSHU-SAN WAS REPLACED BY SOMEONE ELSE...
AND SHINONOME, YOUR MEMORIES WERE OVER-WRITTEN.


NOT REALLY.
scratch scratch
hmph
YOU... DON'T BELIEVE ME, DO YOU?

I MEAN, DO YOU ALWAYS BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU HEAR?
I BARELY EVEN KNOW YOU.

S...
so...
sorry...
BETWEEN THE LIFE I'VE KNOWN AND YOUR MEMORIES, I KNOW WHICH ONE I FIND MORE CREDIBLE.
Hey!
AND WHAT DOES YOUR STORY MEAN TO ME, ANYWAY?

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS...
O... Okay, then... if the Shinonome I know is "Shinonome", then you can be "Neo Shinonome"

"KON"
...IS FINE
DAMN IT...
Sigh

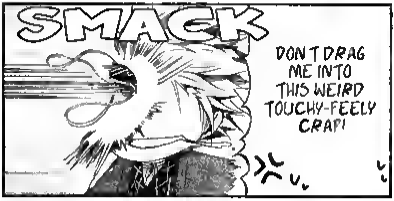
SO THIS IS THE EYEPATCH YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT AFTER ALL, HUH?
IS THIS A BAD JOKE?
grimace
THAT'S ...!!
gasp
.....
HEY!!

YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF ISSUES, KID, BUT FOR SOME REASON I KEEP LISTENING TO YOU TALK.
I DUNNO WHY I'VE GOT THIS THING.

HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE NOT SOME KIND OF CON MAN?
WHAT'S REAL AND WHAT'S A LIE?
...!!
SO WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO ABOUT YOU?

SHI-NONO...
HEY.
SOR-RY...
WAH!
STAB
Heh, I guess not. Your brain isn't big enough.
A CON MAN...!? NO WAY!! I'M NOT LIKE THAT...!
EVEN IF YOU DON'T REMEM-BER ME...
IT'S OKAY.
I COULD JUST CRY
IT'S NO USE...
KON.
I'M NOT TRYING TO MALICIOUSLY DECIEVE YOU OR ANYONE ELSE!
YOU NEVER REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE UNTIL IT'S GONE
I GUESS...

LIKE THERE'S A MYSTERIOUS FORCE THAT'S DRAWING US TOGETHER
BUT I KINDA FEEL
SO...
SO I WANT...
TO BE YOUR TRUE FRIEND..
THIS TIME...



DOES OUR BOND WITH KUCHIHA STILL EXIST?

.....?
flutter
hiss
OKAY?
AHAHA.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
I GOT KINDA OVER-EXCITED.
HUH?
THAT'S WEIRD...
foot
!?
WH...
WHAT ...?

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